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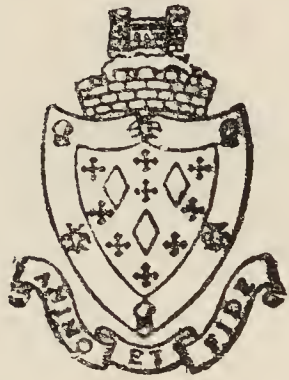
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OF THE
County Borough of Stockport
For the Year 1955

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County Borough of Stockport

HEALTH COMMITTEE

(As at 31st December, 1955)

<i>Chairman</i>	Councillor C. J. DOHERTY
<i>Vice-Chairman</i>	Councillor H. HOPE
THE WORSHIPFUL THE MAYOR (Alderman W. R. FOX, J.P.)	
Alderman Mrs. E. LITTLE	Councillor A. HODKINSON
Alderman H. PATTEN, O.B.E., M.A., J.P.	Councillor J. MARSDEN
Alderman S. SIDEBOTHAM	Councillor T. J. TAYLOR
Alderman Mrs. M. WHITE	Councillor J. VESEY
Councillor S. BOYLE	Councillor A. WOOD
Councillor Mrs. C. S. GRANT	

MATERNITY AND CHILD WELFARE SUB-COMMITTEE

<i>Chairman</i>	Alderman Mrs. M. WHITE
<i>Vice-Chairman</i>	Alderman Mrs. E. LITTLE
Alderman H. PATTEN, O.B.E., M.A., J.P.	Councillor H. HOPE
Alderman S. SIDEBOTHAM	Councillor J. MARSDEN
Councillor S. BOYLE	Councillor T. J. TAYLOR
Councillor C. J. DOHERTY	Councillor J. VESEY
Councillor Mrs. C. S. GRANT	Councillor A. WOOD
Councillor A. HODKINSON	

Co-opted Member :

Mrs. J. A. D. WYNESS (Stockport Sick Poor Nursing Association)

STAFF OF THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT

Medical Officer of Health : Principal School Medical Officer :

Administrative Maternity and Child Welfare Officer :

JOHN YULE, M.D., CH.B., D.P.H., F.R.S.H.

Deputy Medical Officer of Health

ALEXANDER ROBERT MILLAR MOIR, M.D., CH.B., D.P.H.

**Assistant Medical Officers of Health and
Maternity and Child Welfare Officers :**

MARION WINIFRED DAVIES, M.B., CH.B., D.P.H.

MARJORIE WARD, M.B., CH.B., D.P.H.

**Assistant Medical Officers Maternity
and Child Welfare Centres (part-time)**

M. WILSON, M.B., CH.B.

M.I.H. ROBERTS, M.B., CH.B., D.P.H.

L. J. SEJRUP, M.B., CH.B.

SANITARY STAFF

Chief Sanitary Inspector :

F. WINDER, CERT, S.I.B., M.R.S.H., M.S.I.A. †*†

Deputy Chief Sanitary Inspector :

H. HOWARD, CERT, S.I.B., M.R.S.H., M.S.I.A. †

Senior District Inspectors :

L. DAVIES, CERT, S.I.B., M.R.S.H., M.S.I.A. †*

R. THOMPSON, CERT, S.I.B., M.S.I.A.

District Inspectors :

G. W. TIPLADY, CERT.S.I.B., A.R.S.H., M.S.I.A. ‡
 L. W. PURVIS, CERT.S.I.B. M.S.I.A. ‡
 A. NEWTON, CERT.S.I.B., M.S.I.A. ‡
 A. JONES, CERT.S.I.B., M.S.I.A., A.R.S.H.
 N. THORPE, CERT.S.I.B., M.S.I.A., A.R.S.H. ‡
 H. THOMASON, CERT.S.I.B., ‡

Pupil Sanitary Inspectors :

J. MARSHALL, CERT.S.I.B.
 G. E. HILL, CERT.S.I.B., A.R.S.H.

Housing Inspectors :

S. DERBYSHIRE, CERT.S.I.B., M.R.S.H., M.S.I.A. ‡
 A. D. E. HARDING, CERT.S.I.B., M.S.I.A. ‡
 T. STOCKTON, CERT.S.I.B., M.S.I.A.
 ‡ Meat and Other Foods Certificate.
 * Smoke Certificate.
 † Sanitary Science.

Rodent Operatives :

Foreman—J. AINSWORTH
 (3 Operatives)

MATERNITY AND CHILD WELFARE**Superintendent Health Visitor :**

Miss E. SNOWDON, S.R.N., S.C.M., H.V.CERT (Retired 14.2.55)
 Miss L. M. DREW, S.R.N., S.C.M., H.V.CERT. (Appointed 1.3.55)

Superintendent, Welfare Centres :

Miss L. M. DREW, S.R.N., S.C.M., H.V.CERT
 (Appointed Superintendent Health Visitor 1.3.55)
 Miss S. C. GRIFFITHS, S.R.N., S.C.M., H.V.CERT.
 (Appointed 1.3.55)

Health Visitors :

Miss K. M. McMAHON, M.B.E., S.R.N., S.C.M., H.V.CERT.
 Miss A. D. CLARK, S.R.N., S.C.M., H.V.CERT.
 Mrs. M. A. LEE, S.R.N.
 Miss S. C. GRIFFITHS, S.R.N., S.C.M., H.V.CERT. (Appointed Superintendent Welfare Centres 1.3.55).
 Miss E. D. BROOK, S.R.N., S.C.M., H.V.CERT.
 Miss B. RICHARDSON, S.R.N., S.C.M., H.V.CERT.
 Miss V. BURTON, S.R.N., S.C.M., H.V.CERT.
 Miss D. HOWARTH, S.R.N., S.C.M., H.V.CERT.
 Miss M. WALKER, R.F.N., S.R.N., S.C.M., H.V.CERT.
 Mrs. K. M. WHYATT, S.R.N., S.C.M., H.V.CERT.
 Mrs. V. M. RAYNER, S.R.N., S.C.M., H.V.CERT.
 Mrs. A. BROWN, S.R.N., S.C.M., H.V.CERT. (Appointed 20.8.55).
 Miss E. BASSETT, S.R.N., S.C.M., H.V.CERT. (Appointed 1.3.55., Resigned 28.5.55).
 Miss M. J. HAINSWORTH, S.R.N., S.C.M., H.V.CERT. (Appointed 18.10.55).
 * Miss M. M. HUMPHRIES, S.R.N., S.C.M. (Commenced 4.10.55).
 * Mrs. D. M. AXTEN, S.R.N., S.C.M. (Commenced 26.9.55).
 * Student Health Visitors.

Physiotherapists :

Mrs. J. JACKSON
 Miss J. P. DAVIE (Part-time)
 Miss P. N. HARRISON (Part-time)

Non-Medical Supervisor of Midwives :

Miss D. A. CARTER, S.R.N., S.C.M., Q.N. *

Municipal Midwives :

Miss H. F. TROTTER, S.R.N., S.C.M., Q.N. *
 Miss E. WILKS, S.C.M. * (Temporary)
 Mrs. E. E. BALDRY, S.C.M. *
 Mrs. M. WHEELER, S.C.M. *
 Miss F. R. CLAYTON, S.R.N., S.C.M., Q.N. *
 Mrs. M. B. SEDDON, S.R.N., S.C.M., Q.N. *
 Miss J. E. J. MAGUIRE, S.R.N., S.C.M. *
 Mrs. I. M. MUNRO, S.R.N., S.C.M. *
 Mrs. G. RODGERS, S.R.N., S.C.M. *
 Mrs. S. A. PUGH, S.R.N., S.C.M. *
 Mrs. D. JERONIMIDIS, S.R.N., S.C.M. * (Resigned 9.10.55).
 Mrs. C. MOISLEY, S.R.N., S.C.M. * (Resigned 27.2.55)
 Miss I. G. ANWYL, S.R.N., S.C.M. *
 Mrs. I. RIDGWAY, S.R.N., S.C.M. *
 Mrs. I. Y. KEY, S.R.N., S.C.M. *
 Mrs. W. DAVENPORT, S.C.M. * (Commenced 5.9.55).
 Miss B. FINNERAN, S.C.M. * (Commenced 28.11.55).
 Mrs. O. M. TOWNSEND, S.R.N., S.C.M. * (Commenced 28.11.55)

* Analgesic Certificate.

Day Nurseries :**DAW BANK**

Matron : Mrs. M. I. KENNY, S.R.N., S.C.M.
 Staff Nurse : Miss B. A. BERTRAND, N.N.E.B.
 (6 Nursing Staff, 3 Domestic Staff)

WHITEHILL

Matron : Mrs. D. J. ALLEN, S.R.N.
 (8 Nursing Staff, 2 Domestic Staff)

Domestic Help Service :

Organiser : Miss N. LINGARD
 (7 Domestic Helps Full-time, 44 Part-time)

Home Nursing Service :

Superintendent : Miss V. M. FALLOWS, S.R.N., S.C.M., Q.N.
 Assistant Superintendent : Miss E. DAVIS, S.R.N., S.C.M., H.V.CERT., Q.N.
 (15 District Nurses Full-time, 2 Part-time)

Ambulance Service :

Superintendent : J. R. CHYNOWETH
 Deputy Superintendent : R. H. BRIGGS
 (29 Driver/Attendants)

Mental Health Service :

(Mental Health Officers)

H. HOLDEN

Mrs. M. HINCHLIFFE

Miss M. BRUNDRETT, B.A. (Admin.). (Appointed 12.9.55).

Mrs. S. D. HANCOCK, Supervisor, Occupation Centre
 (3 Assistant Supervisors)

CLERICAL STAFF**Senior Administrative Assistant :**

G. CALVERT, F.C.C.S.

Administrative Assistant :

H. H. BIRTLES, A.C.C.S.

General Health**Statistical Clerk :**

H. CLIFFE, A.C.I.S. (Resigned 3.1.55)

E. N. FORSYTH (Appointed 10.1.55)

Wages and Accounts Clerk :

W. L. FOULKES

Shorthand Typists :

Miss E. W. JONES

Mrs. M. E. MULKERN (Resigned 9.1.55)

Miss B. A. STANSFIELD (Appointed 7.2.55)

Junior Clerks :

Miss N. WILD

Miss T. CANNALLY

Office Girl :

Miss V. GASH (Resigned 20.3.55)

Miss J. A. BLACKER (Commenced 25.7.55)

Maternity and Child Welfare :**Senior Clerk :**

Miss H. M. HOBSON (Resigned 26.6.55)

Miss M. HAWLEY (Commenced 16.8.55)

Clerks :

Miss M. P. WILLIAMS

Miss D. A. KNOWLES

Miss E. M. HOWARTH (Resigned 24.7.55)

Mrs. J. M. CROFTS (Resigned 16.1.55)

Mrs. J. VERNON

Mrs. A. H. JEPSON (Resigned 31.7.55)

Mrs. M. FAULKNER (Commenced 17.1.55)

Miss R. BOWERS (Commenced 7.2.55)

Miss J. A. MEREDITH (Commenced 31.10.55)

Junior Clerk :

Miss J. M. SWINDELLS (Commenced 1.8.55)

SANITARY**Senior Clerk :**

R. BARRETT

Shorthand Typists :

Miss N. TOYNE

Miss A. M. MORLEY (Commenced 28.3.55)

Junior Clerks :

Miss M. S. WILSHAW (Resigned 13.3.55)

B. HAMER

C. S. SHORROCKS (Commenced 12.3.55)

Public Analyst (Part-time) :

TENNYSON HARRIS, P.H.C., F.C.I.S.

To the Worshipful the Mayor, Aldermen and Councillors
of the County Borough of Stockport.

Mr. Mayor, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have the honour to submit to you the Report on the health of the Borough during the year 1955. This is my 21st Annual Report and it is not without interest to compare the main vital statistics of 1935 with those of 1955.

	1935	1955
Population	130,600	141,100
Number of Inhabited Houses	38,692	48,010
Area in Acres	7,966	8,439
Birth Rate per 1,000	12.93	14.61
General Death Rate per 1,000	12.57	14.97
Infant Death Rate per 1,000 births ..	57.43	33.47
Infant Death Rate (average over previous five years.. .. .)	69.03	34.58
Maternal Mortality Rate	5.59	0.47
Death Rate from Seven Principal Zymotic Diseases	0.24	0.09
Death Rate from Phthisis (Pulmonary Tuberculosis)	0.51	0.13
Death Rate from all other Tubercular Diseases	0.11	0.01

It will be noted that there has been an all-round improvement in the public health. The infant death rate has been halved, the death rate from pulmonary tuberculosis quartered, and from other tubercular diseases reduced almost to the vanishing point. Another outstanding feature has been the marked reduction in the number of women losing their lives in childbirth. The expectation of life has been extended, even in the short period of 21 years. These are but a few of the indices of the general improvement which has taken place in the last 21 years, which, one must remember, included six years of war.

The most effective weapon against the infectious diseases is protective immunisation, and this has been industriously pursued. The scheme for the B.C.G. vaccination of 13 year old school children, which commenced in January, 1954, was continued, and of the children skin tested 19 per cent. were found to be naturally positive reactors.

Diphtheria immunisation has been energetically maintained and it is noteworthy that for the fifth year in succession no case of diphtheria has occurred in the town.

The increasing number of deaths from cancer remains one of the greatest challenges to preventive medicine. There were 340 deaths from cancer in 1955 compared to 276 in the previous year, and there has been an average of 300 deaths per year over the last 10 years. In an attempt to meet this challenge the Health Committee during the year decided to join the Manchester Committee on Cancer and to co-operate in the scheme for cancer education.

The Ambulance Service has continued to deal efficiently with all the demands made upon it and the installation of radio communication has helped considerably to increase the efficiency of the Service and to reduce the dead mileage.

The demand for the Home Nursing Service and the Home Help Service has expanded considerably. The Health Committee has increased the establishment of both these Services to meet the increased demand. There is no doubt that both these Services are a great boon, more particularly to the old people in the town.

Thanks are due to the Stockport Sick Poor Nursing Association which has continued to place its resources, both in equipment and financial assistance, at the disposal of the Home Nursing Service.

The new combined clinic at Brinnington was opened by the Mayor, Alderman W. R. Fox, J.P., on the 14th October, 1955. This is a great asset to the child welfare and school health services provided for this growing area.

The work of the Mental Health Department continues to grow, especially in connection with care and after-care. The new Occupation Centre in the Adswood area is well on its way to completion, and it is hoped will be opened in the autumn of this year.

The Co-ordinating Committee, as recommended by the Ministry of Health, Ministry of Education, and the Home Office, has met regularly once a month throughout the year and has proved a most useful medium for dealing with the many and varied problems which arise in connection with problem families.

The special committee of the Corporation set up in May, 1954, to consider the welfare of aged persons, has continued its good work. The scientific survey into, and study of, the needs of elderly persons being undertaken in conjunction with the Department of Social and Preventive Medicine of Manchester University, is now well on its way.

Atmospheric pollution still remains one of the great preventable causes of ill health. The Health Committee are in the process of setting up an Advisory Committee, representative of all interested bodies in the town, to implement the provisions of the Clean Air Bill.

Slum clearance is still one of our most important duties. The Council's programme of clearance of unfit houses was submitted to the Ministry during the year. The estimated number of unfit houses is 6,000. The proposals aim at the clearance of these houses within the period of 20 years. The first two years' programme has been approved by the Council and provides for action in respect of 1,200 houses. This total includes 600 houses for demolition and 600 for deferred demolition.

The Panel set up for the purpose of issuing Certificates of Disrepair considered 402 applications of which 225 were granted.

The plan for the provision of a new Health Department, including a central School Clinic and a Maternity and Child Welfare Centre, at the rear of the Town Hall, has now been approved by the various Ministries concerned. The estimated cost is £92,000 and it is hoped that building will commence at an early date and be completed in 1958.

Miss Snowdon, who had given valuable and outstanding service to the Department, retired during the year. She commenced her duties as a Health Visitor in 1923 and was appointed Superintendent Health Visitor in 1942. During her long service she endeared herself to the women and children of Stockport.

I wish to place on record my thanks to all Members of the Staff for their loyal service and response to all demands which have been made upon them.

I am deeply grateful to the various Committees for their consideration and encouragement at all times.

I have the honour to be,

Your obedient servant,

J. YULE,

Medical Officer of Health.

HEALTH DEPARTMENT,
TOWN HALL, STOCKPORT.
June, 1956.

SECTION I.

Statistics, Natural and Social Conditions
of the Area

COUNTY BOROUGH OF STOCKPORT

SECTION 1.

Statistics, Natural and Social Conditions of the Area.

(a) STATISTICAL MEMORANDUM

	<i>Stockport</i>	<i>England and Wales</i>
Population (Census 1951).....	141,660	—
Estimated Civilian Population, Mid-year.....	141,100	—
Area in Acres.....	8,439	—
Birth Rate per 1,000.....	14.61	15.00
Do. do. Adjusted for area comparability (1.03).....	15.04	—
Do. do. Average for five years, 1950-1954.....	14.97	—
Still-birth Rate per 1,000 population.....	0.32	0.34
Do. do. average for five years, 1950-1954.....	0.34	—
General Death Rate per 1,000.....	13.79	11.70
Do. do. Adjusted for area comparability (1.01).....	13.93	—
Do. do. average for five years, 1950-1954.....	13.46	—
Infant Death Rate per 1,000 Births.....	33.47	24.90
Do. do. average for five years, 1950-1954.....	34.58	—
Death Rate from Seven Principal Zymotic Diseases.....	0.09	—
Death rate from Phthisis (Pulmonary Tuberculosis) per 1,000.....	0.13	—
Death Rate from all other Tubercular Diseases.....	0.01	—

(b) STATISTICS AND SOCIAL CONDITIONS OF THE AREA

Area (in acres).....	8,439
Registrar-General's estimate of resident civilian population, 1955.....	141,100
Number of inhabited houses (31-12-55) according to rate books, approx....	48,010
Rateable Value (April, 1955).....	£975,422
Sum represented by a penny rate (1954-55).....	£3,910

Extracts from vital statistics for the year :—

	<i>Total</i>	<i>M.</i>	<i>F.</i>	
Live Births : Legitimate	1961 ..	1021 ..	940	{ Birth Rate per 1,000 of the estimated resident popu- lation (141,100) 14.61. Rate per 1,000 total births (live and stillbirths) 21.36. Death rate per 1,000 of the estimated resident popu- tion (141,100) 13.79.
Illegitimate	100 ..	58 ..	42	
Stillbirths.....	45 ..	20 ..	25	
Deaths.....	1946 ..	1005 ..	941	

Deaths from diseases and accidents of pregnancy and childbirth :

	<i>Rate per 1,000 total : (live and still) births</i>	
Accidental haemorrhage (concealed).....	1	0.47
Total.....	1	0.47

Death Rate of Infants under one year of age :

All Infants per 1,000 live births.....	33.47
Legitimate Infants per 1,000 legitimate live births.....	31.62
Illegitimate Infants per 1,000 illegitimate live births.....	70.00
Deaths from Neoplasms (all ages).....	340
„ Measles (all ages).....	1
„ Whooping Cough (all ages).....	Nil
„ Diarrhoea (under 2 years of age).....	4

(c) COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF VITAL STATISTICS.

YEAR 1955.

	<i>Birth Rate.</i>	<i>Death Rate.</i>	<i>Infant Mortality Rate</i>		<i>Death Rate from Phthisis.</i>	<i>Death Rate from other Tub. Diseases.</i>	<i>Maternal Mortality Rate (per 1000 Total Live and Still Births)</i>		
			<i>Year 1955.</i>	<i>Average 5 years 1950-54</i>			<i>Maternal causes excluding abortion</i>	<i>Due to abortion</i>	<i>Total maternal mortality</i>
England and Wales	15.00	11.70	24.90	28.0	*	*	0.54	0.10	0.64
Birkenhead..	16.67	13.38	27.91	34.8	0.16	0.01	..	..	..
Burnley.....	14.96	15.07	22.86	34.39	0.69	0.03	0.82	0.82	1.63
Bury.....	14.40	14.40	37.0	31.0	0.19	0.02	..	..	..
Halifax.....	14.29	15.73	21.69	31.41	0.15	0.01	..	0.70	0.70
Liverpool....	19.6	11.9	30.0	35.0	0.24	0.02	0.51	0.06	0.57
Manchester..	16.91	12.68	28.37	33.49	0.19	0.02	0.50	0.25	0.75
Oldham.....	14.61	15.16	30.7	32.0	0.13	0.07	..	..	..
Preston.....	15.60	13.42	29.00	32.0	0.16	..	1.67	..	1.07
Rochdale....	14.3	14.2	16.6	39.0	0.10	0.01	0.77	..	0.77
Salford.....	15.95	12.30	30.0	34.89	0.22	0.02	0.71	..	0.71
St. Helens...	16.04	11.04	32.87	39.87	0.21	0.04	3.25	0.54	3.79
Stockport ...	14.61	13.79	33.47	34.58	0.13	0.01	0.47	..	0.47
Wallasey....	15.90	12.28	25.40	28.21	0.20	0.03	1.24	..	1.24
Wigan.....	13.79	11.06	33.3	38.4	0.12	0.01	..	..	..

* Not available.

(d) VITAL STATISTICS**(i) Population.**

The Registrar-General's estimate of the civilian population for the Borough at mid-year, 1955, is 141,100. This figure is based primarily on the National Register enumeration taken at the end of September, 1939, adjusted for the subsequent movement of population derived from that Register. Non-Civilians (i.e., Stockport inhabitants serving with Her Majesty's Forces) are excluded from this estimate.

(ii) Births.

The corrected number of births registered for the Borough during 1955, was 2,061, of which 1,079 were males and 982 females. The birth-rate per thousand of the population was equal to 14.61, the figure for 1954 being 14.80. In 1954 there were 2,089 births—1,082 males, 1,007 females.

The birth-rate for England and Wales was 15.00.

(iii) Deaths.

The corrected number of deaths recorded during 1955 was 1,946, namely 1,005 males and 941 females. The death-rate per thousand of the estimated population was 13.79 as compared with 12.4 in 1954.

The rate for England and Wales was 11.70.

More detailed information and certain comparative rates of other similar towns are shown in the tables on pages 14, 15, and 18 to 21.

The chief Causes of Death were :	1955	1954
Heart Disease	590	530
Other Circulatory Diseases	84	67
Neoplasm, Malignant Disease ..	340	276
Pneumonia (all forms)	56	62
Tuberculosis (all forms)	18	16
Kidney Disease	12	12
Vascular Lesions	306	290
Bronchitis	169	131
Influenza	8	2

There were also the following Deaths from :

Suicide	23	28
Accidents	46	47

The Zymotic Death Rate for the whole Borough was 0.09.

The Death Rate from Pulmonary Tuberculosis for the whole of the Borough was 0.13 per 1,000 of the population, as compared with 0.08 for 1954, and the total number of deaths recorded was 18 as compared with 12 for 1954.

The number of deaths of children under one year of age was 69, giving an Infant Mortality Rate for 1955 of 33.47. The Rate for 1955 for England and Wales was 24.90.

(iv) Illegitimacy.

During the year there were 100 illegitimate births recorded by the Registrar-General as belonging to the Borough, as compared with 108 in 1954. This gave an illegitimate birth rate of 48.52 per thousand total live births, as compared with 51.69 in 1954.

The infant mortality rate amongst illegitimate children was 70.00 per thousand illegitimate births.

The following table shows the comparison between the death rates of illegitimate children and others registered in the Borough during the past few years :—

<i>Year</i>	<i>Esti- mated popula- tion.</i>	<i>Births.</i>		<i>Illegitimate Births.</i>		<i>Total deaths under 1 year of age</i>	<i>Infant mor- tality per 1000 births.</i>	<i>Deaths of illegiti- mates under 1 year of age.</i>	<i>Illegiti- mate infant mortality per 1000 illegiti- mate births</i>
		<i>Legit- imate</i>	<i>Illegit- imate</i>	<i>to 1000 pop'l'n</i>	<i>to 1000 births</i>				
1940	132600	1841	91	0.69	47.10	117	60.25	9	98.90
1941	131310	1773	86	0.66	46.26	141	75.32	10	114.94
1942	128900	2026	112	0.87	52.39	144	67.35	9	80.36
1943	127200	2078	123	0.97	55.84	143	64.97	16	130.08
1944	129060	2271	132	1.02	54.93	164	68.25	17	128.79
1945	129280	1955	190	1.47	88.57	147	68.53	16	84.21
1946	137680	2504	179	1.30	66.72	138	51.43	16	89.39
1947	140720	2864	174	1.24	57.27	147	48.39	11	63.22
1948	140900	2323	141	1.00	57.22	91	36.93	6	42.55
1949	141460	2163	116	0.82	50.90	93	40.81	6	51.72
1950	142110	2036	114	0.80	53.02	76	35.35	3	26.32
1951	140700	1954	109	0.77	52.83	85	41.20	5	45.87
1952	141000	2019	92	0.65	43.58	61	28.90	6	65.22
1953	141000	2045	112	0.79	51.92	64	29.67	2	17.86
1954	141200	1981	108	0.76	51.69	79	37.81	6	55.55
1955	141100	1961	100	0.71	48.52	69	33.47	7	70.00

1951—Total population at all ages, 141,660.
Census of 1931 { Area of District in acres (land and water) : 7,059.
Private families or separate occupiers : 33,760.

VITAL STATISTICS OF WHOLE BOROUGH DURING 1955, AND PREVIOUS YEARS.

YEAR.	Total Population estimated to Middle of each Year.	BIRTHS.			TOTAL DEATHS REGISTERED IN THE DISTRICT.		TRANSFERABLE DEATHS.		NETT DEATHS BELONGING TO THE DISTRICT.			
		Un- corrected Number.	Nett.		Number.	Rate.	of Non- residence registered in the District.	of Resi- dents not registered in the District.	Under 1 Year of Age.		At all Ages.	
			Number.	Rate.					Number.	Rate per 1000 Nett Births.	Number.	Rate.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
1945	129,280	2415	2145	16.59	2019	15.61	385	108	147	68	1741	13.46
1946	137,680	2880	2683	19.49	2039	14.81	371	136	138	51	1806	13.12
1947	140,720	3154	3038	21.59	2099	14.92	375	144	147	48	1869	13.28
1948	140,900	2683	2464	17.49	1923	13.64	371	119	91	36	1671	11.86
1949	141,460	2751	2279	16.11	2180	15.41	453	138	93	40	1865	13.18
1950	142,110	2758	2150	15.13	2281	16.05	527	113	76	35	1867	13.14
1951	140,700	2700	2063	14.66	2558	18.18	650	155	85	41	2063	14.66
1952	141,000	2774	2111	14.97	2337	16.57	688	131	61	29	1780	12.62
1953	141,000	2887	2157	15.3	2581	18.30	659	122	64	30	2044	14.50
1954	141,200	2851	2089	14.8	2312	16.37	669	111	79	38	1751	12.40
1955	141,100	2601	2061	14.61	2457	17.41	646	127	69	33	1946	13.79

(vi) BIRTH RATE, DEATH RATE, INFANT MORTALITY RATE, MATERNAL MORTALITY RATE, AND ZYMOTIC DEATH RATE (1918-1955).

<i>Year.</i>	<i>Birth-rate</i>	<i>Death-rate.</i>	<i>Infant Mortality.</i>	<i>Zymotic Death-rate.</i>	<i>Maternal Mortality.</i>
1918	13.84	18.29	112	0.69	4.82
1919	15.05	13.33	98	0.32	4.33
1920	22.20	12.87	97	0.88	3.60
1921	20.43	12.16	91	0.53	5.55
1922	17.42	13.37	77	0.53	6.91
1923	17.63	12.66	92	0.35	5.21
1924	16.37	13.86	87	0.51	5.51
1925	16.51	13.94	97	0.49	2.76
1926	16.06	12.78	82	0.40	4.77
1927	14.66	12.54	77	0.26	6.70
1928	14.32	12.79	77	0.31	5.68
1929	13.30	13.87	92	0.23	6.12
1930	13.79	12.02	57	0.39	1.60
1931	13.60	13.85	79	0.27	6.04
1932	12.66	12.72	71	0.45	2.94
1933	12.23	13.83	83	0.31	4.27
1934	13.58	11.85	55	0.23	3.82
1935	12.93	11.97	57	0.24	5.59
1936	13.65	13.16	76	0.35	3.15
1937	14.14	13.94	57	0.12	8.60
1938	14.35	13.03	56	0.32	2.94
1939	14.12	13.56	70	0.26	1.49
1940	14.57	15.28	60	0.26	1.47
1941	14.16	14.18	75	0.44	4.62
1942	16.59	12.96	67	0.40	4.05
1943	17.30	14.00	64	0.25	2.20
1944	18.62	13.86	68	0.32	4.03
1945	16.59	13.46	68	0.43	2.70
1946	19.49	13.12	51	0.27	1.08
1947	21.59	13.28	48	0.18	0.95
1948	17.49	11.86	36	0.12	0.79
1949	16.11	13.18	40	0.16	0.42
1950	15.13	13.14	35	0.09	0.46
1951	14.66	14.66	41	0.08	1.41
1952	14.97	12.62	29	0.08	1.86
1953	15.30	14.50	30	0.15	1.36
1954	14.80	12.40	38	0.07	0.92
1955	14.61	13.79	33	0.09	0.47

(vii) CAUSES OF DEATH AT DIFFERENT PERIODS OF LIFE IN THE COUNTY BOROUGH OF STOCKPORT, 1955

CAUSES OF DEATH	Sex	0— 1— 5— 15— 25— 45— 65— 75—								Total
1. Tuberculosis Respiratory.....	M.	..	..	..	..	2	7	2	1	12
2. Tuberculosis, other.....	F.	..	..	..	1	3	1	1	..	6
3. Syphilitic Disease.....	M.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
4. Diphtheria.....	F.	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	1
5. Whooping Cough.....	M.	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	3	4
6. Meningococcal Infections.....	F.	..	..	..	..	..	2	1	..	3
7. Acute Poliomyelitis.....	M.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
8. Measles.....	F.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
9. Other Infective and Parasitic Diseases.....	F.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
10. Malignant Neoplasm Stomach.....	M.	..	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	1
11. Malignant Neoplasm, Lung, Bronchus.....	F.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
12. Malignant Neoplasm Breast.....	M.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
13. Malignant Neoplasm Uterus.....	F.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
14. Other Malignant and Lymphatic Neoplasms.....	M.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
15. Leukaemia, aleukaemia.....	F.	..	1	..	1	3	17	6	8	34
16. Diabetes.....	M.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
17. Vascular Lesions of Nervous System.....	F.	..	..	1	1	3	24	38	53	140
18. Coronary Disease, Angina.....	M.	..	..	..	1	3	31	45	106	186
19. Hypertension with Heart Disease.....	F.	..	..	..	..	3	59	45	40	147
	M.	..	..	..	..	..	19	40	42	101
	F.	..	..	..	..	..	4	3	5	12
	F.	..	..	..	..	..	3	6	5	14

CAUSES OF DEATH AT DIFFERENT PERIODS OF LIFE IN THE COUNTY BOROUGH OF STOCKPORT, 1955 (contd.)

CAUSES OF DEATH		Sex	0—	1—	5—	15—	25—	45—	65—	75—	Total
20.	Other Heart Diseases.....	M.	..	..	1	..	4	25	33	84	147
21.	Other Circulatory Diseases.....	F.	..	..	..	..	2	10	38	119	169
22.	Influenza.....	M.	..	..	..	..	1	4	10	27	42
		F.	..	..	..	..	1	3	3	35	42
23.	Pneumonia.....	M.	..	..	..	..	..	2	1	1	4
		F.	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	2	4
24.	Bronchitis.....	M.	4	3	..	1	2	6	8	2	26
		F.	2	1	..	..	1	7	5	13	30
25.	Other Diseases of Respiratory System.....	M.	..	..	..	..	..	35	46	35	116
		F.	..	..	..	..	..	9	17	27	53
26.	Ulcer of Stomach and Duodenum.....	M.	..	..	..	..	1	5	2	..	8
		F.	..	..	..	..	1	1	1	3	6
27.	Gastritis, Enteritis and Diarrhoea.....	M.	..	..	..	..	..	10	2	2	14
		F.	..	..	..	..	1	1	2	1	5
28.	Nephritis and Nephrosis.....	M.	3	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	4
		F.	1	..	..	..	2	3	3	..	4
29.	Hyperplasia of Prostate.....	M.	..	..	..	..	1	3	1	1	7
		F.	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	5
30.	Pregnancy, Childbirth, Abortion.....	M.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	8	9
		F.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
31.	Congenital Malformations.....	M.	5	1	..	..	1	..	..	..	1
		F.	4	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	6
32.	Other Defined and Ill-defined Diseases.....	M.	28	..	2	1	3	4	13	39	90
		F.	17	..	..	..	2	16	21	54	110
33.	Motor Vehicle Accidents.....	M.	..	..	..	2	2	1	1	1	7
		F.	..	..	..	1	1	2	..	1	5
34.	All other accidents.....	M.	4	..	3	2	..	3	3	3	18
		F.	1	..	1	..	1	3	4	6	16
35.	Suicide.....	M.	..	..	..	1	6	2	6	1	16
		F.	..	..	..	..	..	5	1	1	7
36.	Homicide and Operations of War.....	M.	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	2
		F.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
All Causes.....		M.	44	4	8	10	44	275	281	339	1005
		F.	25	4	2	3	26	176	232	472	941
Totals.....			*69	8	10	13	70	451	513	812	1946

•Under 1 year { Legit. Illegit.
M...44..39 .. 5
F...25..23 .. 2
62 7

(e) SICKNESS FIGURES

The figures shown below represent the number of first sickness certificates submitted to the local insurance office by the working population in the Stockport area. This year the peak period again occurred in January, when 1,153 certificates were submitted in one week compared with 1,066 in January, 1954.

Incidence of sickness—Working Population, 1955.

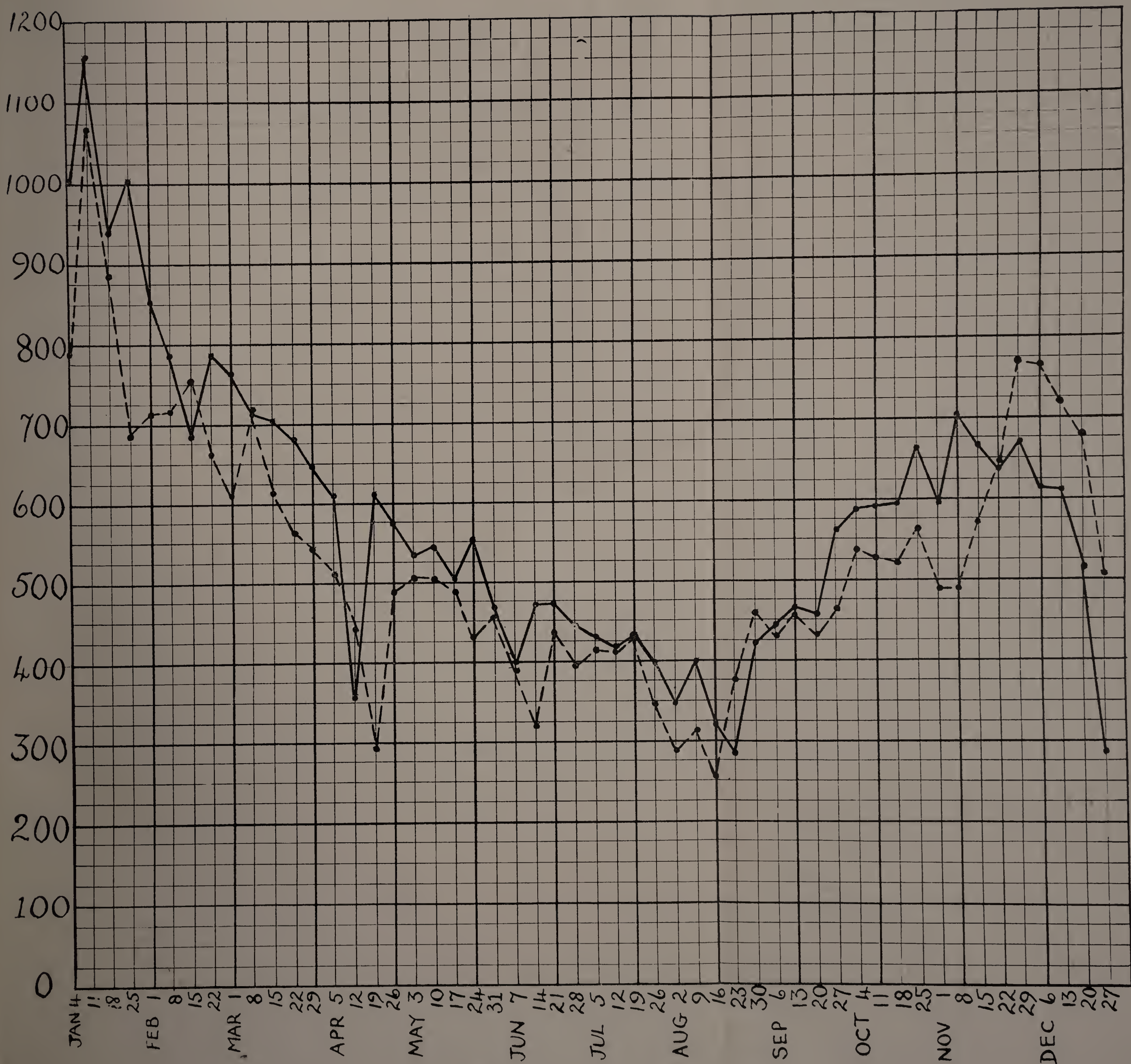
Jan.	4th	..	..	1001	Aug. 2nd	..	..	349
„	11th	..	..	1153	„ 9th	..	..	400
„	18th	..	..	938	„ 16th	..	..	320
„	25th	..	..	1003	„ 23rd	..	..	282
					„ 30th	..	..	420
Feb.	1st	..	..	853	Sept. 6th	..	..	442
„	8th	..	..	784	„ 13th	..	..	468
„	15th	..	..	682	„ 20th	..	..	456
„	22nd	..	..	782	„ 27th	..	..	560
Mar.	1st	..	..	764	Oct. 4th	..	..	590
„	8th	..	..	713	„ 11th	..	..	594
„	15th	..	..	704	„ 18th	..	..	596
„	22nd	..	..	679	„ 25th	..	..	660
„	29th	..	..	648				
Apl.	5th	..	..	613	Nov. 1st	..	..	597
„	12th	..	..	359	„ 8th	..	..	701
„	19th	..	..	613	„ 15th	..	..	666
„	26th	..	..	573	„ 22nd	..	..	635
					„ 29th	..	..	669
May	3rd	..	..	532	Dec. 6th	..	..	612
„	10th	..	..	542	„ 13th	..	..	609
„	17th	..	..	504	„ 20th	..	..	516
„	24th	..	..	551	„ 27th	..	..	286
„	31st	..	..	468				
June	7th	..	..	400				
„	14th	..	..	472				
„	21st	..	..	473				
„	28th	..	..	444				
July	5th	..	..	428				
„	12th	..	..	415				
„	19th	..	..	428				
„	26th	..	..	399				
					Average weekly 583			

Incidence of Sickness

Working Population

Stockport Area=1954 - - - - -

1955 - - - - -



SECTION II.

Sanitary Circumstances of
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Sanitary Circumstances of the Area**(a) (i) Water**

The water supply of Stockport is provided by the Stockport Corporation Water Undertaking, which has a statutory area of 77 square miles. It also provides supplies in bulk to other areas.

The total area supplied with water is 129 square miles, with an estimated population in 1955 of 272,924, the average daily consumption being 11,057,000 gallons.

The estimated population supplied in bulk is 42,145 with an average daily consumption of 1,687,000 gallons and the estimated population supplied in detail is 230,779 with an average daily consumption of 9,370,000 gallons, equal to 40.60 gallons per head per day, 27.66 gallons being un-metered (i.e. Domestic) and 12.94 gallons metered (i.e., Trade).

- (i) The water supply of the area and of its several parts has been satisfactory (a) in quality, and (b) in quantity.
- (ii) Bacteriological examinations were made monthly of the raw water and weekly of the treated water going into supply, the results being satisfactory. Chemical analyses were made monthly of the raw and treated water going into supply, the results being satisfactory.
- (iii) The water is chemically treated to prevent plumbo-solvent action, with satisfactory results. The chemical analyses are dealt with in (ii) above.
- (iv) The water is stored in impounding reservoirs, treated by mechanical filtration plant, and subsequently chlorinated.
- (v) 45,813 dwelling-houses with a population of 141,100 are supplied from public water mains direct to the houses. No domestic supplies are given by standpipe.

(ii) Drainage and Sewerage

I am indebted to the Borough Surveyor, for the following details of work carried out during the year.

Number of back passages paved and sewered	..	Nil
Length of sewers laid		5,110 yds.
Number of cellar areas closed and filled in for street improvements		Nil
Number of houses demolished for street improvements		Nil
Number of water-closets erected in connection with new houses and buildings		904

(b) Rivers and Streams

There has not been any important change during the year.

(c) (i) Closet Accommodation

During 1955 11 Waste Water Closets were converted to W.C.s, 113 additional W.C.s were provided as distinct from new houses provision, 11 W.C.s were provided for adaptation of old houses into flats. Number of W.C.s erected in new houses : 774.

The following table indicates the position in the Borough, as compared with the previous year.

			1954		1955
Water Closets	..	..	50,493	..	51,036
Waste Water Closets	..	..	98	..	87
Pail Closets	..	..	63	..	63
Privy Middens	..	..	—	..	—
Cesspools	..	..	2	..	2

(c) (ii) Public Cleansing

No change.

At the end of 1955, there were the following sanitary appliances :—

Ashbins	..	..	..	..	..	55,279
Ashpits	..	..	..	..	..	—

(c) (iii) Shops Acts**Summary of Work under the Shops Act, 1950**

Number of Shops on the Register	..	..	..	..	..	2,549
Number of Visits for all Purposes	..	..	..	..	..	2,497
Notices Served :						
Preliminary	..	..	..	..	..	62
Statutory	..	..	..	..	..	—
Notices Complied With :						
Preliminary	..	..	..	..	..	38
Statutory	..	..	..	..	..	—
Notices Outstanding :						
Preliminary	..	..	..	..	..	24
Statutory	..	..	..	..	..	—
Nature of Work Complied Withn :						
Renewals and Repairs to Sanitary Accommodation	..	..				3
General Drainage and Repairs	..	..	..	..	..	6
Premises Cleansed	..	..	..	..	..	5
Ash Bins Renewed	..	..	..	..	..	1
Prescribed Forms obtained and displayed				..	..	5
Additional Facilities Required and Provided :						
Sanitary Accommodation	..	..	..	..	..	1
Washing Facilities	..	..	..	..	..	17
Ventilation and Temperature	..	..	..	..	..	1
Facilities for Meals	..	..	..	..	..	2
Lighting	..	..	..	..	..	1

(c) (iv) Pharmacy and Poisons Act, 1933

The listed sellers on the Register under the above Act is 263.

During the year 351 inspections of these premises were made.

(c) (v) Swimming Baths and Pools

5 samples of water from the public swimming baths in the Borough have been taken during the year. The analyses of these samples were consistently good throughout the year, and the bathers have been able to enjoy a highly satisfactory bath water.

(c) (vi) Eradication of Bed Bugs

During the year 9 Corporation houses were found to be infested with bugs. All the houses were treated with D.D.T. or other insecticide.

In the case of rehousing of families into Corporation houses, the furniture and bedding from 183 houses were disinfested.

In the case of privately-owned houses 22 cases of bug infestation were investigated and treated with D.D.T. or other insecticide.

(c) (vii) Premises and Occupations which can be controlled by Byelaws or Regulations

COMMON LODGING HOUSES. There are 2 Common Lodging Houses in the Borough, to which 45 visits were paid during the year.

BAKEHOUSES. There are 92 bakehouses (4 of which are underground), to which 143 visits were made in the course of the year.

OFFENSIVE TRADES. There are in the Borough 15 premises in which one or other of the offensive trades are carried on, and 43 visits were made to these premises during the year.

FAIRS AND WAKES AND TRAVELLING VANS. In connection with fairs and vans, 35 visits to caravans used as dwelling houses were made.

(c) (viii) Prevention of Damage by Pests Act, 1949

8,529 visits of inspection were made under the above Act, advice and assistance was given to the persons concerned as to the safest means of destruction in the various cases. It is known that a large number of rats were destroyed.

Number of premises inspected	..	..	..	7,353
Number of visits	..	..	..	15,882
Number of premises found infested	..	..	..	527
Number of premises treated ..	..	..	..	527
Number of block control schemes	..	..	..	151
Number of notices served ..	..	..	..	—
Legal proceedings taken	..	..	..	—

(c) (ix) Rag Flocks and other Filling Materials Act, 1951

22 visits were made to works in order to ascertain that no infringement of the provisions relating to rag flock was taking place.

(c) (x) Smoke Abatement

A total of 172 smoke observations and visits to boiler plants have been made during the year and advice and assistance has been given where necessary.

There were no prosecutions during the year in respect of the emission of excessive smoke.

Instruments to measure the extent of atmospheric pollution are situated in different parts of the town and the following table shows the monthly average pollution at the sites in use.

Station	Rain m.m.	Insoluble Deposits	Soluble Deposits	Total Solids	SO_3 mg/day/ 1,000 cm ² of batch A Lead Peroxide
		Tons per Square Mile			
Cheadle Heath..	36.2	5.80	6.34	12.14	2.49
Georges Road...	40.0	9.33	7.50	16.83	—
Portwood.....	44.6	18.50	9.29	27.79	2.81

During the year the Health Committee gave consideration to a joint report of the Medical Officer of Health and the Chief Sanitary Inspector on the setting up of a smokeless zone in the central area of the town. The proposals were deferred pending the introduction of the new clean air legislation.

(d) Schools

During the year new W.C.s have been provided and the existing sanitary block repaired at St. Thomas' C.E. (Marriott Street) School. Hot water systems have been installed at Cale Green, Cheadle Heath, St. Thomas' C.E. (Marriott Street) and Hope Memorial Schools.

(e) Section 47 of the National Assistance Act, 1948

Action was taken for the compulsory removal to suitable premises of 5 persons considered to be in need of care and attention. A number of other cases were brought to the notice of this authority and investigated. In certain cases the persons concerned were persuaded to accept institutional care, other cases were referred to the Welfare Officer.

(f) District Sanitary Inspectors' Work**INSPECTIONS MADE AND NUISANCES FOUND :**

TOTAL INSPECTIONS MADE (all purposes)	..	..	..	26,395
Total individual properties inspected (all purposes)				10,071
Housing Inspections (under P.H.A.)	..	..	..	5,823
Total individual properties inspected	..	..	..	1,544
Other Inspections (under P.H.A.)	..	..	..	3,742
Courts and Yards	..	..	..	57
Dry Ashpits and Dustbins	..	..	..	122
Drainage	..	..	..	3,103
Water Closets	..	..	..	729
Water Courses	..	..	..	68
Miscellaneous Inspections	..	..	..	2386
Inspections for Infectious Disease :				
Total Inspections and Visits	..	..	..	875
Total houses visited	..	..	..	752
Houses disinfected	..	..	..	277
Schools, etc., disinfected	..	..	..	—
COMPLAINTS RECEIVED	..	..	..	2,382
NUISANCES FOUND	..	..	..	1,872
NUISANCES ABATED (total)	..	..	..	2,132

WATER CLOSETS, ETC. :

Water Closets cleansed (by Owners)	..	..	..	—
Water Closets cleansed (by Occupiers)	..	..	..	—
Water Closet Pedestals, etc., renewed or repaired	..			130
Water Supply Pipes or Cisterns to Water Closets repaired				72
Water Courses Cleansed		..	..	—
Dustbins renewed	..	..	..	4,965
Houses Cleansed, Re-papered, or Lime-washed	..	..		—
Sink Waste Pipes Renewed or Repaired	..	..	..	25
Downspouts or Eaves Gutters Renewed or Repaired	..			306
House Drains Tested	..	..	..	591
House Drains and Drains to Water Closets Reconstructed or Repaired	..	..	..	214
Gully Traps Fixed	..	..	..	—
Soilpipes and Ventilating Shafts Erected	..	..		13
Yards, Courts or Passages Drained or Drains Repaired				5
Yards, Courts or Passages Paved or Repaired	..	..		4
Yards, Courts or Passages cleansed by Occupiers	..			—
Animals Improperly Kept—Removed	..	..	..	—
Accumulations Removed	..	..	..	9
Houses where Structural Repairs have been carried out				1,324
Miscellaneous Nuisances	..	..	..	20

NOTICES SERVED :

Preliminary	..	..	..	..	..	1,108
Statutory	..	..	..	..	..	478
January 1st, 1955. Statutory Notices outstanding	..					413
December 31st, 1955. Statutory Notices outstanding	..					565

NOTICES COMPLIED WITH :

Preliminary	..	..	..	..	..	826
Statutory	..	..	..	..	..	326

(g) FACTORIES ACT, 1937.

PART I OF THE ACT.

1.—INSPECTIONS for purposes of provisions as to health (including inspections made by Sanitary Inspectors) :—

Premises (1)	M/c line No. (2)	Number on Register (3)	Number of		
			Inspections (4)	Written notices (5)	Occupiers prosecuted (6)
(i) Factories in which Sections 1, 2, 3, 4 and 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities	—	45	36	—	Nil
(ii) Factories not included in (i) in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority	—	742	212	5	Nil
(iii) Other Premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding out-workers' premises)..	—	—	8	—	Nil
TOTAL		787	256	5	Nil

FACTORIES ACT—Continued.

2.—CASES IN WHICH DEFECTS WERE FOUND :—

Particulars (1)	M/c line No. (2)	Number of cases in which defects were found				Number of cases in which prosecutions were instituted (7)
		Found (3)	Remedied (4)	To H.M. Inspector (5)	Referred By H.M. Inspector (6)	
Want of cleanliness (S.1)	4	—	—	—	—	—
Overcrowding (S.2)	5	—	—	—	—	—
Unreasonable temperature (S.3)	6	—	—	—	—	—
Inadequate ventilation (S.4)	7	—	—	—	—	—
Ineffective drainage of floors (S.6)	8	—	—	—	—	—
Sanitary Conveniences (S.7)	9	2	3	—	—	—
(a) insufficient	10	11	12	—	4	—
(b) unsuitable or defective	11	1	2	—	—	—
(c) not separate for sexes	12	—	—	1	—	—
Other offences against the Act (not including offences relating to Outwork)		14	17	1	4	—
TOTAL						

FACTORIES ACT—Continued.

PART VIII OF THE ACT.

OUTWORK

(Sections 110 and 111).

Nature of Work	Section 110.				Section 111.		
	M/c line No.	No. of out-workers in August list required by Sect. 110 (1) (c)	No. of cases of default in sending lists to the Council	No. of prosecutions for failure to supply lists	No. of instances of work in unwholesome premises	Notices served	Prosecutions
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)
Wearing apparel { Making, etc. . . Cleaning, washing	13	101	—	—	—	—	—
	14	—	—	—	—	—	—
Boxmaking	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
TOTAL .	—	101	—	—	—	—	—

SECTION III.

Housing

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Housing**(a) New Houses**

I give below particulars of the houses built or in course of building at the end of the year :

No. of houses erected during the year ended 31st December, 1955, by private enterprise	361
No. of houses in course of erection by private enterprise 31st December, 1955	225
No. of houses erected by the Corporation during the year ended 31st December, 1955	413
No. of Houses in course of erection by the Corporation, 31st December, 1955	300

(b) Ward Distribution of New Houses

Number of houses erected in the various Wards of the Borough during the year ended 31st December, 1955.

Ward				Private				Total	
				Enterprise Corporation					
Portwood	No. 1	..	1	..	310	..	311		
St. Mary's	„ 2	..	—	..	—	..	—		
Vernon	„ 3	..	3	..	—	..	3		
Hempshaw Lane	„ 4	..	—	..	—	..	—		
St. Thomas's	„ 5	..	—	..	—	..	—		
Cale Green	„ 6	..	—	..	—	..	—		
Heaviley	„ 7	..	19	..	—	..	19		
Davenport	„ 8	..	10	..	—	..	10		
Shaw Heath	„ 9	..	—	..	73	..	73		
Edgeley	„ 10	..	2	..	—	..	2		
Hollywood	„ 11	..	84	..	—	..	84		
Heaton Lane	„ 12	..	—	..	—	..	—		
Heaton Norris South	„ 13	..	100	..	—	..	100		
Heaton Norris North	„ 14	..	66	..	—	..	66		
Old Road	„ 15	..	—	..	—	..	—		
Lancashire Hill	„ 16	..	3	..	—	..	3		
Reddish South	„ 17	..	73	..	2	..	75		
Reddish North	„ 18	..	—	..	28	..	28		
Totals				361	413		774		

(c) Number of houses built by the Corporation and Private Enterprise during the last few years

NUMBER OF HOUSES COMPLETED

YEAR		By Private Enterprise		By Corporation		Total
1920 } 1921 }	..	77	..	147	..	224
1922	..	125	..	—	..	125
1923	..	176	..	—	..	176
1924	..	241	..	—	..	241
1925	..	405	..	—	..	405
1926	..	335	..	—	..	335
1927	..	330	..	20	..	350
1928	..	333	..	54	..	387
1929	..	294	..	128	..	422
1930	..	233	..	174	..	407
1931	..	468	..	332	..	800
1932	..	471	..	106	..	577
1933	..	670	..	514	..	1184
1934	..	1514	..	51	..	1565
1935	..	1255	..	270	..	1525
1936	..	1443	..	110	..	1553
1937	..	1392	..	140	..	1532
1938	..	1088	..	162	..	1250
1939	..	875	..	144	..	1019
1940	..	75	..	—	..	75
1941	..	17	..	—	..	17
1942	..	6	..	—	..	6
1943	..	—	..	—	..	—
1944	..	—	..	—	..	—
1945	..	4	..	—	..	4
1946	..	141	..	188	..	329
1947	..	91	..	261	..	352
1948	..	13	..	355	..	368
1949	..	36	..	401	..	437
1950	..	82	..	181	..	263
1951	..	73	..	305	..	378
1952	..	81	..	532	..	613
1953	..	156	..	433	..	589
1954	..	244	..	311	..	555
1955	..	361	..	413	..	774
		<u>13,105</u>		<u>5,722</u>		<u>18,837</u>

(d) TYPES OF HOUSES BUILT BY THE LOCAL AUTHORITY

Site	A5	A4	B4	B3	B2	A3	A2	Flats			Bungalows	Temporary Houses	Total
								A3	A2	A1			
	Non-Parlour 5 Bedrooms	Non-Parlour 4 Bedrooms	Parlour 4 Bedrooms	Parlour 3 Bedrooms	Parlour 2 Bedrooms	Non-Parlour 3 Bedrooms	Non-Parlour 2 Bedrooms	Non-Parlour 3 Bedrooms	Non-Parlour 2 Bedrooms	Non-Parlour 1 Bedroom	Non-Parlour 1 Bedroom	2 Bedrooms	
Dial House.....	—	—	—	101	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	101
Cheadle Heath No. 1.....	—	—	3	—	—	16	—	—	—	—	—	—	19
Cheadle Heath No. 2.....	—	—	—	—	—	—	20	—	—	—	—	—	20
Edgeley.....	—	—	—	24	—	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	27
Didsbury Road.....	—	—	—	40	—	122	76	—	70	—	—	—	341
Criterion Street.....	—	—	—	—	—	118	—	—	—	—	—	—	118
Reddish Road.....	—	—	—	—	—	174	—	—	40	—	—	—	214
Bates Ley (Garners Lane)...	—	—	—	—	—	600	—	—	80	—	—	—	680
Lancashire Hill.....	—	—	—	—	—	64	—	—	—	—	—	—	64
School Street.....	—	5	—	—	—	26	—	—	—	—	—	—	31
Jowett Street.....	—	7	—	—	—	13	—	—	—	—	—	—	20
Stockport Road.....	—	58	—	—	—	176	—	—	—	36	—	—	270
Bridge Hall.....	—	25	—	259	—	102	—	—	6	16	—	—	408
Adswold Hall.....	—	41	—	—	—	131	—	—	—	—	—	—	172
Huntsmans Brow.....	—	17	—	—	—	47	—	—	—	—	—	—	64
Woodhall Road.....	—	—	—	—	—	24	—	—	—	96	—	—	120
Walnut Tree Farm.....	—	38	—	—	—	138	9	—	—	—	—	—	194
Whitehill Estate.....	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	99	99
Wharfedale Estate.....	—	—	—	50	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	50	50
Houldsworth Estate No. 1..	—	—	—	66	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	66
Houldsworth Estate No. 2..	—	2	19	125	—	6	—	—	—	—	—	—	152
Houldsworth Estate No. 3..	—	13	1	—	—	77	37	—	—	—	—	—	128
Houldsworth Estate No. 4..	—	—	—	—	—	28	32	—	—	—	—	—	60
Houldsworth Estate No. 5..	—	—	—	—	—	7	33	—	—	—	—	—	40
Houldsworth Estate No. 7..	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	8	—	—	8
Knypersley Avenue.....	—	—	—	36	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	36	36
Hollymount Road.....	—	—	—	7	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	7	7
Grasmere Avenue.....	—	—	—	—	4	3	5	—	—	—	—	—	12
Magda Road.....	—	—	—	34	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	34
Matlock Road No. 1.....	—	—	—	4	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	4
Matlock Road No. 2.....	—	—	—	—	—	24	14	—	—	—	—	—	38
Bideford Road.....	—	—	—	44	—	6	8	—	—	—	—	—	58
Bank Hall Road Nos. 1 and 2	—	—	—	6	—	—	4	—	—	—	—	—	10
Clovelly Road.....	—	—	—	10	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	10
Fernley Road.....	—	—	—	—	—	12	—	—	—	—	—	—	12
Nangreave Road.....	—	—	—	6	—	4	—	—	—	—	—	—	10
Carnforth Road.....	—	2	2	22	—	6	—	—	—	—	—	—	32
Hilda Grove.....	—	—	6	—	—	—	40	—	—	—	—	—	40
Sterndale Road.....	—	—	4	50	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	56
Woodlands Estate.....	—	—	—	70	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	74
Broanfield Drive.....	—	—	—	32	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	56
Chorlton Grove.....	—	—	—	16	—	28	8	—	—	24	—	—	52

(d) TYPES OF HOUSES BUILT BY THE LOCAL AUTHORITY—Continued

Site	A5 Non- Parlour 5 Bedrooms	A4 Non- Parlour 4 Bedrooms	B4 Parlour 4 Bedrooms	B3 Parlour 3 Bedrooms	B2 Parlour 2 Bedrooms	A3 Non- Parlour 3 Bedrooms	A2 Non- Parlour 2 Bedrooms	Flats			Bungalows Non- Parlour 1 Bedroom	Temporary Houses 2 Bedrooms	Total
								A3	A2	A1			
Dial Park Road.....	—	—	—	—	—	12	4	—	—	—	—	—	16
Lowndes Lane.....	—	—	—	—	—	—	16	—	—	—	—	—	16
Warwick Road.....	—	4	—	—	—	30	14	—	—	—	—	—	48
Canal Bridge No. 1.....	—	—	—	—	—	26	24	—	—	—	—	—	50
Canal Bridge No. 2.....	—	—	—	—	—	24	6	—	—	—	—	—	30
Canal Bridge No. 3.....	—	—	—	—	—	8	14	—	—	—	—	—	22
Parkgate Drive.....	—	—	—	—	—	10	—	—	—	—	—	—	10
Thornley Lane No. 1.....	—	—	—	—	—	32	31	—	2	—	—	—	65
Thornley Lane No. 2.....	—	2	—	—	—	51	—	—	—	—	—	—	53
Brinnington No. 1.....	—	2	—	—	—	45	27	—	—	—	—	—	74
Brinnington No. 2.....	—	—	—	—	—	21	8	—	—	2	—	—	31
Brinnington No. 3.....	—	4	—	—	—	51	33	—	2	2	—	—	92
Brinnington No. 5.....	—	11	—	—	—	68	61	—	96	—	—	—	236
Brinnington No. 9.....	—	2	—	—	—	12	16	—	—	4	—	—	34
Brinnington No. 10.....	—	1	—	—	—	23	12	—	—	2	—	—	38
Brinnington No. 11.....	—	—	—	—	—	17	18	—	—	—	—	—	35
Brinnington No. 12.....	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	10	—	—	—	—	10
The Mount, Brinnington.....	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	10	3	—	—	15
Hampshire House.....	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	30	—	—	—	30
Brindale House.....	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	6	13	6	—	—	25
Nelstrop Road No. 1.....	—	—	—	—	—	14	20	—	—	—	—	—	34
Nelstrop Road No. 2.....	—	—	—	—	—	—	28	—	—	12	18	—	58
Stanton Gardens.....	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	18	—	—	—	—	18
Covent Gardens.....	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	24	24	—	—	—	48
Swythamley Road.....	—	—	—	—	6	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	6
Brinnington No. 19.....	—	—	—	—	—	47	26	—	—	—	—	—	73
Brinnington No. 14.....	—	—	—	—	—	29	24	—	—	—	—	—	53
Brinnington No. 15.....	—	—	—	—	—	43	44	—	—	8	4	—	99
Brinnington No. 21.....	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	62	13	—	75
Brinnington No. 20.....	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	8	—	—	—	10
Bridgehall No. 10.....	—	—	—	—	—	16	22	—	—	—	—	—	38
Canal Bridge No. 4.....	—	—	—	—	—	—	24	—	—	—	—	—	24
Bognor House.....	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	4	—	—	4
Brinnington No. 29.....	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	36	—	—	36
Brinnington No. 22.....	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	14
Brinnington No. 23.....	—	—	—	—	—	2	12	—	—	—	—	—	54
Brinnington No. 32.....	—	2	—	—	—	13	10	—	38	16	2	—	31
Brinnington No. 30.....	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	3	4	—	—	12
Brinnington No. 31.....	—	3	—	—	—	3	31	—	—	9	—	—	37
Bridgehall No. 11.....	—	—	—	—	—	—	10	—	9	—	—	—	43
Harrogate Road.....	—	—	—	—	—	10	18	—	—	24	—	—	28
Totals.....	9	239	35	1002	10	2562	839	62	431	407	37	99	5732

(e) WORK UNDERTAKEN IN THE BOROUGH**1. Inspection of Dwelling-houses during the year**

(1) (a)	Total number of dwelling-houses inspected for housing defects (under Public Health or Housing Acts) ..	5,823
(b)	Number of inspections made for the purpose	12,754
(2) (a)	Number of dwelling-houses (included under sub-head (1) above, which were inspected and recorded under the Housing Consolidation Regulations, 1925 and 1932)	660
(b)	Number of inspections made for the purpose	1,668
(3)	Number of dwelling-houses found to be in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation	198
(4)	Number of dwelling-houses (exclusive of those referred to under the preceding sub-heading) found not to be in all respects reasonably fit for human habitation ..	1,507

2. Remedy of defects during the year without service of Formal Notices

Number of defective dwelling-houses rendered fit in consequence of informal action by the Local Authority or their Officers	985
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3. Action under Statutory Powers during the year**A. Proceedings under Sections 9, 10 and 16 of the Housing Act, 1936**

(1)	Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which Notices were served requiring repairs	—
(2)	Number of dwelling-houses which were rendered fit after service of formal notices :	
(a)	By Owners	—
(b)	By Local Authority in default of Owners	—

B. Proceedings under Public Health Acts

(1)	Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which notices were served requiring defects to be remedied	393
	Number of dwelling-houses in which defects were remedied after service of formal notices :	
(a)	By Owners	334
(b)	By Local Authority in default of owners	38

C. Proceedings under Sections 11 and 13 of the Housing Act, 1936

(1)	Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which Demolition Orders were made	—
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(2)	Number of dwelling-houses demolished in pursuance of Demolition Orders	—
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D. Proceedings under Section 12 of the Housing Act, 1936

(1)	Number of separate tenements or underground rooms in respect of which Closing Orders were made	—
(2)	Number of separate tenements or underground rooms in respect of which Closing Orders were determined, the tenement or room having been rendered fit	—

(f) Housing Act, 1936—Overcrowding

(a)	Number of dwellings overcrowded at the end of the year	187
	„ families dwelling therein	275
	„ persons dwelling therein (equivalent number of adults)	1405½
(b)	Number of new cases of overcrowding reported during the year	8
(c)	Number of cases of overcrowding relieved during the year	20
	Number of persons concerned in such cases (equivalent number of adults)	130
(d)	Number of cases in which dwelling-houses have again become overcrowded after the Corporation had taken steps for the abatement of overcrowding	—

(g) Slum Clearance

During the year, the second phase of housing action in the York Street area has been undertaken.

The (Moseley Street) Compulsory Purchase Order, 1955, has been approved by the Borough Council and submitted to the Minister of Housing and Local Government for confirmation. The area covered by the Order included three clearance areas involving 126 unfit houses and 28 grey lands. Individual unfit action in respect of 5 houses was also recommended in order to complete proposals for satisfactory redevelopment of the area as a whole.

The Council's programme of clearance of unfit houses was also submitted during the year. The estimated number of unfit houses is 6,000. The proposals aim at clearance of the houses within a period of 20 years. The first two years' programme has been approved by the Council and provides for action in respect of 1,200 houses. The total includes 600 houses for demolition and 600 houses for deferred demolition.

SECTION IV.

Inspection and Supervision
of Food

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Inspection and Supervision of Food**(a) MILK SUPPLY****(i) Milk and Dairies Regulations, 1949**

There are 20 cowsheds and 35 dairies in the Borough. 51 persons deliver milk in Stockport, and 548 are licensed dealers of graded milk in sealed bottles.

During the year 573 visits of inspection have been made to these premises and as a result many alterations and repairs have been effected.

(ii) Milk Including (Special Designations) Regulations, 1949-53

During the year 684 samples of milk have been procured and tested as follows :

<i>Tests Applied</i>	<i>Total No. of Tests</i>	<i>No. Satisfactory</i>	<i>No. Un- satisfactory</i>
RAW MILK :			
Methylene Blue Reduction Test	24	12	12
HEAT TREATED MILK :			
Methylene Reduction Tests	130	129	1
Phosphatase Test	460	456	4
Turbidity Test	70	70	—
TOTAL	684	667	17

During the year 15 samples of milk were taken and examined for tuberculosis infection, all of which were negative.

(b) MEAT AND OTHER FOODS

Eight private slaughterhouses are being used for slaughtering purposes and these additional centres have led to an increase in the work of meat inspection. In spite of a shortage of qualified Sanitary Inspectors, all carcasses and offals of animals slaughtered during the year have been inspected.

1,919 visits of inspection to slaughterhouses were made, as compared with 1,474 during the previous year.

The vehicles used for the transport of meat have been maintained in a satisfactory condition.

A total of 1,889 inspections have been made to premises used for the preparation, storage and sale of food.

369 premises are registered for the manufacture, storage, or sale of ice-cream and these have received regular supervision during the past year.

The re-opening of private slaughterhouses has necessitated changes in the collection of condemned meat and offal. Meat is now collected from all slaughterhouses by local contractors. Processing is carried out under supervision and the new arrangements are working satisfactorily.

Disposal of the other foods, including canned goods, is by tipping at the Corporation's refuse tip under the supervision of the Cleansing Department.

Special Examination of Consignments

Full details of unsound food found to be unfit for human consumption on page 44.

Lectures on Food Hygiene

Lectures to food traders have again been given by the Chief Sanitary Inspector at the Technical College. Talks on food hygiene to a number of local bodies and organisations have also been given.

Total Number of Food Premises

The total number of visits of inspection to all food premises during the year was 1,889.

The following is a summary of the unsound meat and other foods dealt with during the year.

CARCASES AND OFFAL INSPECTED AND CONDEMNED IN WHOLE OR IN PART

	<i>Cattle excluding Cows</i>	<i>Cows</i>	<i>Calves</i>	<i>Sheep and Lambs</i>	<i>Pigs</i>	<i>Horses</i>
Number killed (if known).....	9188	1291	1143	35201	3923	—
Number inspected....	9188	1291	1143	35201	3923	—
All diseases except Tuberculosis and Cysticerci						
Whole carcasses condemned.....	4	8	3	11	6	—
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned.....	677	166	123	345	88	—
Percentage of the number inspected affected with disease other than tuberculosis and cysticerci	7.41%	9.6%	11.01%	1.01%	2.42%	—
Tuberculosis only						
Whole carcasses condemned.....	7	2	3	—	2	—
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned.....	509	212	4	—	46	—
Percentage of the number inspected affected with tuberculosis.....	6.26%	16.57%	0.61%	—	1.22%	—
Cysticercosis						
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned....	2	—	—	—	—	—
Carcases submitted to treatment by refrigeration.....	2	—	—	—	—	—
Generalised and totally condemned.....	—	—	—	—	—	—

Other foods examined and found unfit for human consumption :

				<i>Tons</i>	<i>Cwts.</i>	<i>qrs.</i>	<i>lbs.</i>	<i>ozs.</i>
Corned Beef	..	..	..	—	—	3	23	9
Ham	..	..	..	—	15	3	21	15
Jellied Pork	..	..	..	—	—	—	6	0
Pressed Veal	..	..	..	—	—	—	8	0
Prunes	..	..	..	—	—	1	23	0
Pork Luncheon Meat	..	..	..	—	4	0	24	8
Tongue	..	..	..	—	2	0	0	12
Gammon	..	..	..	—	—	—	14	12
Jellied Veal	..	..	..	—	—	—	18	0
Chicken	..	..	..	—	—	3	9	8
Cheese	..	..	..	—	—	1	26	0
Mixed Fruits	..	..	..	—	8	0	24	0
Stoned Raisins	..	..	..	1	3	3	0	0
Cod Roes	..	..	..	—	—	3	0	0
Oatmeal	..	..	..	—	—	—	8	0
Beef	..	..	..	—	—	—	22	0
Sheep Livers	..	..	..	—	—	—	20	0
Semolina	..	..	..	—	—	1	0	0
Ryvita	..	..	..	—	—	—	—	7
Tripe	..	..	..	—	1	0	0	0
Tinned Meat	..	..	..	—	—	2	1	9
Angel Cake	..	..	..	—	—	—	5	8
Bacon	..	..	..	—	—	1	18	0
Pork Sausage	..	..	..	—	—	—	6	0
Fish	..	..	..	—	1	1	0	0
Currants	..	..	..	—	—	—	18	0
Sultanas	..	..	..	—	—	1	13	0
Apricots	..	..	..	—	—	—	10	0
Butter Beans	..	..	..	—	—	1	15	0
Dates	..	..	..	—	—	—	14	0
Lambs Liver	..	..	..	—	—	—	10	0
				—	—	—	—	—
				3	3	0	5	8
				—	—	—	—	—

Other Unsound or Unwholesome Foods Surrendered—

Fruit	1771 tins
Peas	496 „
Tomatoes	1048 „
Soup	220 „
Vegetable	172 „
Milk	436 „
Beans	229 „
Fish	583 „
Kidneys	192 „
Creamy	25 „
Sweets	30 „
Jam	10 „
Meat	211 „
Assorted Foodstuffs	120 „
Miscellaneous	109 „
Cheese	29 packets
Anchovy Paste	400 jars
Cockles in Vinegar	29 „
Jiffi-Jellies	4 „
Onions	10 cases
Beef Paste, Minced Beef Loaf, Turkey, Picnic Paste, Luncheon Meat, etc.	547 tins
	6671

(c) ADULTERATION

The following tables show the percentage of adulteration compared with previous years :

<i>Year</i>	<i>Total Samples analysed</i>		<i>Adulterated</i>		<i>Percentage Adulteration</i>
1934 ..	385	..	25	..	6.49
1935 ..	400	..	21	..	5.25
1936 ..	417	..	15	..	3.59
1937 ..	416	..	4	..	0.96
1938 ..	403	..	9	..	2.23
1939 ..	405	..	7	..	1.73
1940 ..	403	..	23	..	5.7
1941 ..	389	..	27	..	6.94
1942 ..	358	..	19	..	5.31
1943 ..	360	..	12	..	3.33
1944 ..	338	..	14	..	4.14
1945 ..	422	..	25	..	5.92
1946 ..	426	..	28	..	6.57
1947 ..	418	..	31	..	7.41
1948 ..	450	..	22	..	4.88
1949 ..	423	..	47	..	11.11
1950 ..	431	..	34	..	7.89
1951 ..	400	..	28	..	7.00
1952 ..	400	..	34	..	8.50
1953 ..	374	..	30	..	8.02
1954 ..	359	..	37	..	10.306
1955 ..	338	..	44	..	13.01

Analysis of milk samples (included in the previous table) compared with previous years :

<i>Year</i>	<i>Total Samples analysed</i>		<i>Adulterated</i>		<i>Percentage Adulteration</i>	
1934	..	136	..	8	..	5.88
1935	..	88	..	7	..	7.95
1936	..	34	..	3	..	8.82
1937	..	61	..	3	..	4.92
1938	..	78	..	7	..	9.1
1939	..	94	..	3	..	3.2
1940	..	91	..	12	..	13.18
1941	..	89	..	13	..	14.61
1942	..	85	..	13	..	15.29
1943	..	84	..	9	..	10.71
1944	..	79	..	10	..	12.65
1945	..	159	..	22	..	13.83
1946	..	145	..	21	..	14.48
1947	..	128	..	21	..	16.4
1948	..	119	..	11	..	9.24
1949	..	167	..	31	..	18.56
1950	..	212	..	24	..	11.32
1951	..	202	..	16	..	7.92
1952	..	195	..	23	..	11.79
1953	..	151	..	13	..	8.61
1954	..	153	..	22	..	14.379
1955	..	174	..	37	..	21.26

(d) NUTRITION

The five Empire Marketing Board frames, which became the property of the Corporation in 1934, have been used for posters illustrating various health matters, including nutrition. The classes in Mothercraft and Hygiene in the schools have been continued.

(e) SHELL FISH (Molluscan)

There are no Shell Fish beds in the Borough.

(f) FERTILISING AND FEEDING STUFFS ACT

20 samples were taken under the above Act during the year.

(g) LEGAL PROCEEDINGS DURING THE YEAR, 1955

OFFENCE	RESULT	FINE
PUBLIC HEALTH ACT 1936		
SECTION 93		
5 Cases	Nuisance Order granted	—
12 Cases	Nuisance Order granted	Defendant fined a total of £80 5s. 0d.
4 Cases	Withdrawn. Work completed	Costs allowed.
3 Cases	Ditto	—
FOOD AND DRUGS ACT 1938		
1 Case	Adulterated Milk	Defendants fined a total of £10 with £3 3s. 0d. costs

(h) ICE-CREAM VENDORS

369 premises are registered for the manufacture, storage or sale of ice-cream.

During the year 176 visits of inspection were made to ice-cream premises.

(i) **FOOD POISONING OUTBREAKS**

<i>Total number of outbreaks</i>	<i>Number of Cases</i>	<i>Number of Deaths</i>	<i>Organisms or other agents responsible with number of outbreaks of each</i>	<i>Foods involved with number of outbreaks of each</i>
Single cases 27	27	—	No organisms isolated	No particular Food implicated

A considerable amount of investigation has been carried out in connection with alleged food poisoning cases, but in no case was it possible to have Bacteriological Examinations conducted, this was due to the fact that the suspected food had been disposed of by the time that investigations commenced.

SECTION V.

Prevalence of, and Control over,
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Prevalence of, and Control over, Infectious and other Diseases**(a) NOTIFIABLE INFECTIOUS DISEASE**

The total number of cases of infectious disease, including Tuberculosis, notified during 1955, was 2,784 as compared with 1,455 for 1954 and 2,331 during 1953.

Smallpox

There were no cases of smallpox notified during the year.

Scarlet Fever

143 cases were notified in 1955, as compared with 134 in 1954. No deaths were reported.

Diphtheria

For the fifth year in succession, no cases of Diphtheria were notified. The accompanying table shows the remarkable decline in the incidence of Diphtheria over the past few years, due in no small measure to the immunisation campaign which has been carried on continuously during this period. (See page 54 for details).

<i>Year</i>	<i>Number of Cases</i>	<i>Number of Deaths</i>
1940	516	28
1941	536	37
1942	520	22
1943	399	13
1944	154	6
1945	92	3
1946	25	1
1947	20	—
1948	22	—
1949	6	—
1950	3	—
1951	—	—
1952	—	—
1953	—	—
1954	—	—
1955	—	—

Measles and Whooping Cough

1,869 cases of Measles and 171 of Whooping Cough were notified during the year, as compared with 724 and 274 respectively for 1954.

Poliomyelitis

7 cases were notified during 1955, all were treated at Cherry Tree Hospital and discharged as cured.

Typhoid and Paratyphoid Fevers

Two cases of Typhoid Fever (Para B) and one case of Typhoid Fever, were notified during 1955.

Terminal Disinfection

Terminal Disinfection in cases of infectious disease was discontinued in March, 1950, with the exception of smallpox, tuberculosis, and the enteric fevers. This has not resulted in any significant increase in the infectious disease rate. The disinfection of library books is still carried out in order to comply with Section 155 of the Public Health Act, 1936.

Terminal Disinfection is also carried out in certain cases of non-infectious disease, when requested, a charge of 10s. 6d. being made, except in the case of cancer.

Food Poisoning

During 1955, 27 notifications in respect of Food Poisoning were received.

Neoplasm

340 deaths from Neoplasms were recorded during the year—188 males and 152 females.

NOTIFIABLE INFECTIOUS DISEASES, 1955. SUMMARY.

DISEASE.	At Ages—Year											Total cases notified.	Deaths at age periods.											
	65 & upw'ds.												Total Deaths.	65 & upw'ds.										
	1	1-2	2-3	3-4	4-5	5-10	10-15	15-20	20-35	35-45	45-65			1	1-2	2-3	3-4	4-5	5-10	10-15	15-20	20-35	35-45	45-65
Smallpox.....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Enteric or Typhoid Fever	1	..	..	..	12	62	28	10	3	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Scarlet Fever.....	143	2	13	12	12	296	821	19	1	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Diphtheria.....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Paratyphoid Fever.....	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Puerperal Pyrexia.....	72	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Erysipelas.....	11	1	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Measles.....	1869	54	162	253	250	296	821	19	1	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Whooping Cough.....	171	16	25	31	23	24	49	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Acute Primary Pneumonia.	27	1	1	2	1	..	6	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Influenzal Pneumonia	13	3	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Malaria.....	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Dysentery.....	291	13	15	25	26	19	45	12	13	27	9	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Ophthalmia Neonatorum..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Encephalitis Lethargica....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Acute Infect. Encephalitis	1	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Meningococcal Infections..	4	1	..	..	1	..	1	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Acute Poliomyelitis.....	7	1	1	1	..	..	2	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Food Poisoning.....	27	2	3	..	..	..	6	3	1	3	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Tuberculosis—Pulmonary..	129	..	1	1	2	3	3	3	24	50	16	25	4	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
" Meninges C.N.S.	2	..	..	..	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
" Other Forms.	12	..	..	1	..	..	..	2	5	1	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Total.....	2784	89	209	331	315	354	996	123	62	134	75	56	40	278	70	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..

* Stepping Hill Hospital.

† 1 Private Nursing Home, 2 Stepping Hill Hospital.

The seasonal prevalence of these various diseases is indicated in the following table which shews the notifications received in the various months of the year 1955 :—

DISEASE.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
Smallpox.....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Enteric or Typhoid Fever.....	12	12	35	8	11	7	4	4	16	16	8	10
Scarlet Fever.....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Diphtheria.....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Paratyphoid Fever.....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Erysipelas.....	6	3	1	1	1	1	1	8	1	1	7	1
Puerperal Pyrexia.....	128	398	570	448	222	70	16	6	4	3	1	3
Measles.....	15	12	32	30	9	4	22	14	14	10	9	3
Whooping Cough.....	7	..	6	4	2	..	..	..	..	..	3	..
Acute Primary Pneumonia.....	2	4	3	4	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Acute Influenzal Pneumonia.....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Malaria.....	7	46	134	59	9	19	1	3	3	1	1	3
Dysentery.....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Ophthalmia Neonatorum.....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Encephalitis Lethargica.....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Acute Infective Encephalitis.....	1	..	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..
Meningococcal Infections.....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Acute Poliomyelitis.....	2	3	7	3	4	4	..	..	..	1	2	1
Food Poisoning.....	17	11	7	11	6	6	13	28	7	10	10	3
Tuberculosis—Pulmonary.....	..	..	..	..	1	1	..	..	..	..	1	..
„ Meninges C.N.S.....	3	1	..	..	1	1	..	2	..	..	3	..
„ Other Forms.....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Totals.....	200	496	800	584	279	121	63	65	52	53	47	24

(b) DIPHTHERIA IMMUNISATION

The comprehensive statement opposite shows the number of children immunised during the period 1933—1955.

DIPHTHERIA IMMUNISATION.
Persons Inoculated each year from 1933 — 1955.

Age in years on 31st December, of the corresponding year.		Total Number immunised from 1933 to 1945		1946		1947		1948		1949		1950		1951		1952		1953		1954		1955		Total
		N.C.	P.I.	N.C.	P.I.	N.C.	P.I.	N.C.	P.I.	N.C.	P.I.	N.C.	P.I.	N.C.	P.I.	N.C.	P.I.	N.C.	P.I.	N.C.	P.I.	N.C.	P.I.	
0—		1531	164	614	..	1010	..	1281	..	1031	..	861	..	982	..	947	..	887	..	*101 685	..	*789 211	..	0—5 years 6496
1—		6043	764	787	3	592	..	572	..	479	..	383	..	446	..	361	..	319	..	* 10 337	11 ..	*179 164	10 ..	
2—		1016	197	129	3	78	..	82	..	84	2	91	1	93	..	87	1	80	..	* 2 38	4 ..	* 27 55	10 ..	
3—		656	145	92	6	33	2	39	14	44 *	..	35	2	46	2	64	3	35	1	* .. 22	1 1	* 13 25	3 2	
4—		1019	240	100	194	119	142	117	163	91	242	64	194	75	449	65	260	36	247	* 1 45	7 186	* 6 40	13 161	
5—		2921	669	240	150	122	215	84	109	180	382	104	444	134	647	154	563	152	602	* .. 158	3 571	* 2 175	5 494	5—10 years 16098
6—		1743	389	161	76	52	106	28	45	179	297	46	195	55	257	52	226	83	356	* .. 80	.. 283	* 2 114	1 253	
7—		1240	254	137	72	50	71	28	31	125	182	48	143	24	244	26	171	44	115	* .. 50	1 189		193	
8—		1327	268	100	62	42	73	12	13	65	219	28	171	26	306	21	103	23	182	24	141	45	239	
9—		1439	274	85	55	25	74	12	29	113	214	31	178	37	243	25	119	17	259	29	248	36	273	
10—		1105	212	66	72	19	62	14	31	98	216	37	171	26	237	20	130	17	273	10	275	27	344	Over 10 Years 44770
11—		576	114	92	70	14	57	4	17	77	198	19	236	17	283	21	171	11	240	12	182	35	264	
12—		472	86	72	51	11	32	3	18	47	169	24	153	15	159	18	127	2	124		4	* 1 20	.. 197	
13—		387	73	78	30	9	32	15	6	65	101	39	169	19	151	25	101	12	111	16	164	24	128	
14—		251	47	49	18	11	19	19	3	42	62	40	134	22	148	35	67	27	85	24	123	13	93	
15—		119	29	23	4	3	4	3	1	10	36	18	73	13	77	8	44	10	67	14	117	13	76	
16+		—	—	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	9	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	
Totals of N.C's & reinforcing doses.		21845	3925	2825	866	2190	889	2313	480	2730	2320	1868	2264	2039	3206	1929	2086	1755	2662	*114 1548	27 2641	*1019 1064	42 2717	
GRAND TOTAL EACH YEAR....		25770		3691		3079		2793		5050		4132		5245		4015		4417		*141 4189		*1061 3781		67364
																				4330		4842		

N.C. = New Cases.
P.I. = Previously Immunised
(Reinforcing Doses)
* = Triple Antigen

GRAND TOTAL OF CHILDREN IMMUNISED, 1933—1955		
NEW CASES		43,239
REINFORCING DOSES		24,125
GRAND TOTAL		67,364

(c) VACCINATION

In accordance with a Ministry recommendation, the Vaccination proposals under Section 26 of the National Health Service Act, 1946, have been amended during the period under review, to include arrangements for the vaccination and re-vaccination of certain classes of workers, as may be decided by the authority, either in individual cases by general practitioner or at specially arranged sessions.

During the past year the number of vaccinations and re-vaccinations performed in the Borough have shown a decrease compared with the previous year. Propaganda has been maintained throughout the year by means of posters, leaflets and personal persuasion by Medical and Nursing Staffs, at Child Welfare Clinics. In spite of all efforts the response is still unsatisfactory and there is still room for considerable improvement, particularly in the case of children under one year.

Vaccinations and Inoculations have also been carried out by the Medical Staff of the Health Department to meet the requirements of business representatives travelling abroad on behalf of their employers.

Details of the number of vaccinations performed during 1955 are given below :

Age at date of Vaccination	Under 1	1	2—4	5—14	15 and over	Total
Vaccinated ..	872	26	15	19	68	1000
Re-vaccinated ..	4	1	6	16	149	176
Totals	876	27	21	35	217	1176

* Number of vaccinations or re-vaccinations performed by
Medical Practitioners 377

Number of vaccinations or re-vaccinations performed at Infant
Welfare Centres, etc. 772

Number of vaccinations performed by Medical Staff of the Health
Department 27

In addition, the undermentioned inoculations were also performed by the Medical Staff of the Health Department.

T.A.B. Vaccine 25

Cholera Vaccine 27

Typhus Vaccine 4

No cases of generalised vaccinia, post vaccinal Encephalomyelitis or deaths from other complications were reported during 1955.

The total amount of fees paid to Medical Practitioners in respect of vaccinations performed in 1955 was £88 15s. 0d.

The arrangements for vaccinations are the same as in previous years.

(d) TUBERCULOSIS.
PUBLIC HEALTH (TUBERCULOSIS) REGULATIONS, 1952

PART I.—Summary of notifications of Tuberculosis during the period from the 1st January, 1955, to the 31st December, 1955, in the County Borough of Stockport.

Formal Notifications														
Number of Primary Notifications of new cases of tuberculosis														
AGE PERIODS	0—	1—	2—	5—	10—	15—	20—	25—	35—	45—	55—	65—	75—	Total (all ages)
Respiratory, Males.....	..	..	3	1	2	12	10	10	8	12	8	2	..	68
Respiratory, Females.....	..	..	1	2	1	12	14	16	8	..	4	1	1	61
Non-Respiratory, Males..	..	..	1	1	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	3
Non-Respiratory, Females	..	..	1	..	2	2	1	3	1	..	1	..	..	11

PART III.—Notification Register.

	Pulmonary			Non-Pulmonary			Total Cases
	Males	Females	Total	Males	Females	Total	
	501	423	924	140	149	289	1213
Number of cases of Tuberculosis remaining at the 31st December, 1955, on the Register of Notifications kept by the Medical Officer of Health.....							
Number of cases removed from the Register during the year by reason <i>inter alia</i> of :—							
1. Withdrawal of notification..	2	2	4	—	—	—	4
2. Recovery from the disease..	10	9	19	15	9	24	43
3. Deaths (All causes).....	11	5	16	2	1	3	19
4. Outward Transfers.....	13	11	24	1	2	3	27
5. Otherwise (Lost Sight of, etc.)	1	—	1	—	—	—	1

(e) **BURIAL OF UNCLAIMED BODIES**

During the year the Local Authority undertook the burial of four male adults and one newly born female child. The cost of three funerals was borne by the Corporation but in one of these cases the Death Grant was payable. The financial responsibility for this particular service should gradually reduce as the Death Grant becomes payable in more cases. The Hospital Management Committee has power to arrange and pay for the funerals of unclaimed bodies, where such deaths occur in hospital.

(f) **WELFARE OF THE BLIND**

The Council's responsibility under the provisions of the National Assistance Act, 1948, for the Welfare of the Blind is exercised through the Welfare Committee, under a scheme approved by the Minister of Health on the 27th May, 1949.

The number of blind and partially-sighted persons on the register in the Borough on the 31st December, 1955, was 284 and 23 respectively. All persons before registration are examined and certified to be blind or partially-sighted by an ophthalmologist of consultant status.

Blind persons are taught to read books in Braille and Moon Type by two Home Teachers who have passed the examination of the College of Teachers of the Blind. These teachers, appointed by the Welfare Committee, also assist blind persons in pastime occupations and generally help to promote their welfare.

Under an agreement with the Local Institute for the Blind, arrangements have been made for the employment of suitable blind persons in the workshops for the blind, provided by this voluntary organisation. The earnings of persons thus employed are augmented by the Welfare Committee.

Facilities are available for blind persons to carry out work in their own homes.

Stockport participates in a "Placement Service" organised by the Royal National Institute for the Blind. Under this scheme the capabilities of each blind person are assessed and suitable cases are referred to an appropriate centre for rehabilitation, followed by a course of industrial training. The Special Placement Officers of the Institute, in co-operation with the Local Authority's Chief Welfare Officer and the Ministry of Labour, endeavour to classify the person as suitable for open industry or sheltered employment. Persons placed in open industry become self-reliant and self-supporting. For those less capable, employment in special workshops is found. These persons do not compete with the sighted worker and their earnings are augmented up to a reasonable standard by the Welfare Committee.

The general social welfare of the blind is provided directly by the Welfare Committee or by arrangements with the various local and national organisations. Blind persons are assisted and encouraged to make use of any general and preventive medical treatment which they may require. Embossed literature is provided, social and handicraft classes are held and a special chiropody and domestic help service is provided.

The following table, prepared in accordance with Ministry of Health Circular 2/53 dated 22nd January, 1954, gives details of the incidence and follow-up of blind and partially-sighted persons in the Borough during 1955.

Newly Registered Blind Persons	..	..	..	..	42
Newly Registered Partially-sighted Persons			..	..	4
					—
					46
					—

A. Follow-up of Registered Blind and Partially-sighted Persons

(1) Number of Cases registered during the year in respect of which para. 7 (c) of Forms B.D.8 recommends :—	Cause of Disability				Total
	<i>Cataract</i>	<i>Glaucoma</i>	<i>Retrolental Fibroplasia</i>	<i>Others</i>	
(a) No treatment	10	4	—	18	33
(b) Treatment (medical, surgical or optical)	8	2	—	3	13
(2) Number of Cases at (1) (b) above which on follow-up action have received treatment.	4	—	—	—	4

B. Ophthalmia Neonatorum

(1) Total number of cases notified during the year	..	..	..	1
(2) Number of cases in which—				
(a) Vision lost				
(b) Vision impaired				
(c) Treatment continuing at end of year	..	..	..	Nil

SECTION VI.

Maternity and Child Welfare

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(A) GENERAL

(a) Notification of Births

2,684 births were notified. This number of notifications shows a decrease of 226 on those for 1954. The following table shows where these births occurred :—

<i>Place of Birth</i>				<i>Borough Cases</i>	<i>Cases outside Borough</i>	<i>Total</i>
IN INSTITUTIONS :						
Stepping Hill Hospital	..			853	692	1,545
Nursing Homes	..	..		81	42	123
Total	..	..		934	734	1,668
AT HOME :						
Municipal Midwives	..	..		1,013	—	1,013
Independent Midwives	..			1	—	1
Doctor's cases with Maternity Nurses	..	..	..	2	—	2
Other Persons	..	..		—	—	—
Total	..	..		1,016	—	1,016
Grand Total	..			1,950	734	2,684

(b) Still-Births

The number of still-births registered belonging to the Borough was 45 of which 42 were legitimate and 3 illegitimate.

(c) Maternal Deaths

The number of women who died in, or in consequence of child-birth was 1 which gives a Maternal mortality rate of 0.47 per 1,000 total births.

The cause of death in the above case was as follows :

Pregnancy (20 weeks) Accidental Haemorrhage (concealed).

(d) Ante-Natal and Post-Natal Clinics

Eight combined Ante-Natal and Post-Natal Clinics are held weekly at the following Centres :

Churchgate House
 Reddish
 Edgeley
 Adswood
 Great Moor
 Heaton Chapel
 Heaton Norris
 Brinnington

The attendances of patients at these Clinics are as follows :

1,729 expectant mothers made 9,749 attendances at the Ante-Natal Clinics as compared with 1,493 and 8,460 in 1954.

70 examinations were carried out at the Post-Natal Clinics during the year under review as compared with 124 in 1954.

These figures do not include women attending at the Stepping Hill Hospital Clinics.

(e) Health Visitors

SUMMARY OF THE WORK OF THE HEALTH VISITORS

Total number of houses visited	..	..	..	..	36,277
First visits under 1 year	..	..	..	..	2,060
Total visits under 1 year	..	..	..	..	8,343
Visits to Children (1—2 years)	..	..	..	..	7,146
Visits to Children (2—5 years)	..	..	..	..	17,659
First visits to Tuberculosis Patients	..	..	..	..	210
Care and After-care Visits	..	..	..	..	1,832
Visits to Minor Infectious Diseases	..	..	..	..	341
Visits to Outworkers	..	..	..	..	28
School Lectures	..	..	..	..	36
Mothercraft Lectures	..	..	..	..	18
Attendances at Welfare Centres	..	..	..	..	2,550
Attendances at Immunisation Clinics	..	..	..	..	60
Attendances at Superannuation Clinics	..	..	..	..	29
Aged Persons	..	..	..	..	2,065
Unclassified Visits	..	..	..	..	500
Attendances at B.C.G. Clinics in Schools	..	..	..	..	51

(f) Child Life Protection (Sections 206 to 220 of the Public Health Act, 1936)

The Children's Officer is now the responsible officer for carrying out these duties under the Children's Committee.

The Deputy Medical Officer of Health is the Medical Officer for the Children's Homes in the Borough and visits are made at periodic intervals, also special visits where necessary.

(g) Child Welfare Clinics

20 sessions are held weekly at 11 centres. The number of new cases entered in the registers was 1,756, the total weighings 32,645,

During the latter part of the year one session per week was made available to the Family Planning Clinic at Churchgate Welfare Centre.

The number of children up to five years of age on the register is 4,365.

Arrangements are made whereby each toddler can receive a thorough examination each year, on the lines of the routine School Medical Inspection. In 1955, 2,020 toddlers received such an examination, compared with 1,992 in 1954. There is still room for expansion in this work, and parents do not yet fully appreciate the value of this routine medical inspection.

Three physiotherapists, one full-time, the other two part-time, attend at six of the Welfare Centres, holding 12 sessions each week for massage treatment. The number of children on the register during the year was 175 and the total number of treatments given to these children was 3,709.

2 sessions per week at the Churchgate Welfare Centre are devoted to sunlight treatment. In November, 1955, sunlight and massage treatment was commenced at the Brinnington and Adswood Welfare Centres. During the year under review the number of children under five years on the register was 49, and the number of treatments 817. 117 schoolchildren also attended for sunlight treatment and the number of treatments given was 1,756.

CHILD WELFARE CENTRES, 1955

<i>Centre</i>	<i>New Cases</i>	<i>Number on Register</i>	<i>Total Weighings</i>	<i>Total Attendances</i>	<i>Medical Consultations</i>	<i>Special Toddlers' Examinations</i>
Churchgate	183	473	3532	3858	1250	167
Portwood	88	131	1047	1111	431	52
Reddish	273	844	6727	7318	2407	533
Edgeley	188	446	3220	3624	1229	163
Heaton Norris	160	378	3114	3479	1118	171
Adswood	182	407	3161	3486	1036	168
Great Moor	153	501	3340	3666	1105	276
Heaton Mersey	112	178	1181	1385	535	66
Heaton Chapel	187	486	3284	3616	1274	192
Cheadle Heath	120	269	2160	2250	672	135
Brinnington	110	252	1879	1968	634	97
Totals	1756	4365	32645	35761	11691	2020

(h) Immunisation

(i) Diphtheria Immunisation

Facilities for Diphtheria Immunisation are provided at all Infant Welfare Centres.

During the year 1955, 455 children under five years received Primary Diphtheria Immunisation, and 163 reinforcing dose (these children have been previously immunised).

None of these children were Schick tested.

Table on page 54 gives comprehensive figures of children immunised from 1933—1955.

(ii) Whooping Cough Immunisation

The following table gives details of Whooping Cough immunisations carried out during 1955 :

Age at date of Immunisation	<i>Under</i> 1	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	<i>Total</i>
New Cases	71	23	11	3	6	1	—	—	—	115
Reinforcing doses	—	442	119	111	52	14	3	—	1	742

(iii) Triple Antigen—Diphtheria—Tetanus—Pertussis

In July 1954 immunisation against Diphtheria, Tetanus and Whooping Cough was started, using the triple Antigen.

This reduces the number of inoculations required and there is the additional protection against Tetanus.

The following table gives details of immunisations done using Triple Antigen :

Age at date of Immunisation	<i>Under</i> 1	1-2	2-3	3-4	4-5	5-6	6-7	7-13	<i>Total</i>
Primary doses	789	179	27	13	6	2	2	1	1,019
Reinforcing doses	—	10	10	3	13	5	1	—	42

(i) Treatment of the Pre-School Child**(i) Co-operation of School Medical Service**

During the year under review the School Medical Service co-operated wholeheartedly with the Child Welfare Service, providing facilities for Intelligence Tests, Dental Treatment and Eye Testing for the pre-school child. Appointments have also been made for pre-school children to attend Ear, Nose and Throat sessions at the School Clinic.

(ii) Provision for the Treatment of Verminous Heads in the Pre-School Child

In the course of home visitation by Health Visitors one case of infected head was discovered during the year and the facilities for treatment were provided by the Maternity and Child Welfare Department by the supply of hair shampoo and the loan of a sacker comb. Remedy was speedily effected.

(j) The Stockport Voluntary Committee for Maternity and Child Welfare

This Committee again rendered valuable assistance at the Welfare Centres during the year. Classes were also held for the purpose of giving mothers instruction in cooking, sewing, dressmaking, home nursing and child management.

The Committee give financial assistance for convalescence accommodation for mothers with their babies.

The work undertaken by this Committee is greatly appreciated.

(m) DENTAL TREATMENT

(a) Numbers provided with dental care :

	Examined	Needing Treatment	Treated	Made Dentally Fit	Attendances
Expectant and Nursing Mothers.....	109	109	109	83	329
Children under Five.....	321	273	273	250	457

(b) Forms of dental treatment provided :

	Extractions	General Anaesthetics	Fillings	Scalings or Scaling and Gum Treatment	Silver Nitrate Treatment	Radiographs	Dentures Provided		Crowns or Inlays
							Complete	Partial	
Expectant and Nursing Mothers.....	500	48	60	20	2	1	39	7	—
Children under Five.....	270	75	233	—	69	1	—	—	—

Number of Dental Clinics in operation at end of year .. 3

Total number of Sessions devoted to M. and C.W. cases .. 104

Treatment of some mothers will continue in 1956.

(k) Supply of Dried Milk

Various proprietary brands of dried milk are sold at the Clinics at cost price plus ten per cent. for handling charges. The amount supplied is restricted to the quantity required by the individual child.

19,383 lbs. of dried milk have been supplied this year as compared with 21,380 lbs. in 1954. The sale of National Dried Milk at cheap rates, over the past few years, has caused this reduction.

(l) Supply of Welfare Foods

Welfare Foods are supplied at all 11 Welfare Centres, with additional distribution points at the Welfare Food Shop, Brown Street, and W.V.S. Office, Norbury Street.

The issues for the year ending 31st December, 1955, are as follows :

National Dried Milk	..	40,515 lbs.
Cod-liver Oil		16,152 bottles
Orange Juice		75,699 bottles
Vitamins A and D	..	5,403 packets

(m) Dental Treatment. (See chart on previous page).**(n) (i) Handicapped Children**

During the year under review special consideration has been given to the care and attention of children born with mental and physical defects. 20 such children were brought to the notice of the Maternity and Child Welfare Medical Staff, suffering from defects as follows :

Mental Defects	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2
Limb Deformities	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	10
Congenital Heart	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2
Other Defects	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	6

Certain of the children have been undergoing treatment at Stepping Hill Hospital and the Stockport Infirmary, and all cases have been visited by the Health Visitors.

(n) (ii) Blind Children

There was 1 blind baby brought to the notice of this department during the past year.

The Health Visitors make regular visits to the homes of these unfortunate children.

(o) Home Accidents

The arrangement commenced in June 1952, under which Stockport Infirmary undertook to notify the admission of patients suffering from burns and scalds, as a result of accidents, was continued during the year.

During the period under review 8 such cases were reported, comprising 8 children (no adults).

Quite a large proportion of these accidents could have been avoided, if even the most elementary precautions had been taken, particularly so in the case of children.

Health Visitors have continued to pay follow-up visits to the homes of children involved in accidents, offering advice to ensure the avoidance of a repetition of such accidents.

During normal routine visits the Health Visitors have also stressed to the parents the absolute necessity of taking all possible precautions to avoid accidents happening in the home and have been frequently called upon to give advice on treatment in cases where accidents have already taken place.

(p) Infant Mortality.

1955. Deaths from stated causes at various ages under 1 year of age :—

CAUSE OF DEATH.	Under 1 week.	1-2 weeks.	2-3 weeks.	3-4 weeks.	Total under 4 weeks.	4 weeks and under 3 months.	3 months and under 6 months.	6 months and under 9 months.	9 months and under 12 months.	Total Deaths under 1 year.
All Causes	42	3	..	2	47	10	5	2	5	69
Asphyxia.....	3	1	..	..	4	2	..	..	..	6
Birth Injuries.....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Cerebral Haemorrhage ...	4	..	..	..	4	..	..	..	..	4
Congenital Malformations.	3	1	..	1	5	1	..	..	1	7
Convulsions	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Diarrhoea and Enteritis...	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	2	4
Diseases of Early Infancy..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Pneumonia, all forms	..	..	..	..	..	4	2	..	1	7
Premature Birth	32	..	..	..	32	..	..	..	..	32
Heart Diseases	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	1	..	3
Other Diseases	..	1	..	1	2	1	1	1	1	6

(B) MIDWIFERY**(a) Municipal Domiciliary Midwifery Service**

The arrangements for this Service were similar to previous years.

The following is a summary of the work done by the Municipal Midwives during 1955 :

Visits to Expectant Mothers	..	..	..	..	..	3,844
Attendances at Ante-Natal Clinics	..	..	..	..	..	955
Interviews at Midwives' Homes	..	..	..	..	..	1,224
Patients delivered	..	..	..	..	..	1,013
Visits during Puerperium	..	..	..	..	..	16,435
Special Visits, unclassified	..	..	..	..	..	740

(b) Supervision of Midwives

During the year 55 midwives gave notice of their intention to practise in the Borough. These include 32 at Stepping Hill Hospital, and 4 at Nursing Homes. 1 midwife residing outside the Borough gave notice of her intention to practise within the Borough.

During the year the number of applications by Midwives for Medical assistance was 103 compared with 120 in 1954.

(c) Supervision of Nursing Homes

6 Nursing Homes were registered in the Borough at the end of 1955. These Homes are inspected at four-monthly intervals by the Assistant Medical Officer of Health for Maternity and Child Welfare, due attention being paid to premises, equipment and registers.

(d) Care of Premature Babies**(i) Domiciliary Deliveries**

The premature child is nursed at home if its condition is satisfactory. Special draught-proof cots are provided by the Health Department with hot water bottles and blankets and other necessary equipment. The midwife attending the case devotes extra time and care to the child and continues visiting until the baby is progressing normally. Training for midwives in the care of premature babies is available at the Duchess of York Hospital, Burnage.

Any premature baby which is considered to be in need of hospital treatment is removed by ambulance. The baby travels in a special cot under the care of the midwife and oxygen is available for use during the journey.

Number of premature babies born in the district	..	..	48
Number still-born	..	..	3
Number died under 24 hours	..	..	4
Number died between 1st and 28th day	..	..	2
Number living after 28 days	..	..	39
Number transferred to Hospital (4 survived)	..	..	8

(ii) Hospital Deliveries

Premature babies born in hospital are detained until their condition is satisfactory and notice of their impending discharge is notified to the Medical Officer of Health. Particulars of feeding and any special recommendations are also conveyed to the Department. Such cases are followed up by the Health Visitor of the District in which the child resides.

Number of premature babies born in hospital	..	..	187
Number of premature babies surviving 28 days	..	..	128
Number of premature still-births	..	..	27
Number of premature babies who died after 24 hours	..		7
Number of premature babies who died within 24 hours	..		25

(e) Blood Investigation

Blood investigations were carried out on all cases attending ante-natal clinics during the year. Blood was investigated for Rhesus classification, Wasserman reaction and Haemoglobin levels.

During this period 1,359 samples of blood were taken for Rhesus Testing, of this number 191 were Rh. Negative. Only 9 of these women showed the presence of antibodies and they were transferred to Stepping Hill Hospital. All the babies born to these Rh. Negative women were alive and well.

The number of Wasserman reaction and Kahn tests carried out during the year was 1,391. 7 positive results were obtained from this group and these patients were referred to the Special Clinic for further investigation and treatment when necessary.

Haemoglobin Level (Method, Haldane)

1,490 Haemoglobin estimations were made. The following table gives an analysis of Haemoglobin levels in this group :

%							No. of Cases
30— 39	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
40— 49	..	..	..	..	..	..	2
50— 59	..	..	..	..	..	..	47
60— 69	..	..	..	..	..	..	238
70— 79	..	..	..	..	..	..	634
80— 89	..	..	..	..	..	..	497
90— 99	..	..	..	..	..	..	71
100—109	..	..	..	..	..	..	—
110—119	..	..	..	..	..	..	—
Total							1490

All expectant mothers are encouraged to take iron tablets during the last few months of pregnancy. Those with low Haemoglobins are treated throughout the pregnancy.

Particulars are given below of Rhesus Tests and Wasserman Tests of Stockport women attending the Ante-natal Clinic at Stepping Hill Hospital during 1955 :

Number of Rhesus Tests—703 ; Negative 135 ; Positive 568.

Number of Kahn Tests—703 ; Positive 2.

Number of Wasserman Tests—7 ; Positive 1 ; Negative 6.

The above figures do not include booked cases who later aborted or cancelled for any reason.

(C) HOME NURSING SERVICE

During the year the public demand for the Home Nursing Service has again increased. It is pleasing to report that all calls upon the service have been met despite this heavy demand.

The headquarters of the Home Nursing Service is situated at 39, Greek Street, Stockport, and the premises are owned by the Corporation. There is accommodation for 8 nursing staff the remainder being non-resident, but reporting twice daily for briefing and giving reports of patients conditions to the Superintendent.

A member of the staff is on duty until 10 p.m. to attend to emergency calls and give nursing attention to those patients requiring late evening injections. In the case of night duty a nurse is on call for special emergency.

The Home is approved as a training centre by the Queen's Institute of District Nursing and a number of students have been trained during the year, all of whom have been successful in the examinations set by the Institute.

There has been no difficulty in the recruitment of staff and it is hoped to be able to increase the number of Home Nurses with the demand.

Transport

Each nurse provides her own transport. 2 nurses using motor assisted cycles, the Assistant Superintendent and the remainder of the nurses using bicycles, for which a payment is made by the Corporation to the nurse. Casual user motor car allowances were approved for the Superintendent.

DETAILS OF SERVICES RENDERED DURING THE YEAR, 1955

Summary of patients nursed

					<i>Cases Nursed</i>	<i>Visits Paid</i>
Medical	..	..	..	..	1,358	21,101
Surgical	..	..	..	..	1,401	27,995
Operations	..	..	..	..	4	18
					—————	—————
				Totals ..	27,63	49,114
					—————	—————

Work carried out month by month as follows :

MONTH	<i>Number of patients carried forward at beginning of month</i>	<i>Number of New Cases</i>	<i>Total number nursed during the month</i>	<i>Nursing visits paid</i>
January	400	208	608	4,392
February	403	192	595	4,217
March	390	209	599	3,810
April	400	203	603	3,995
May	379	183	562	3,777
June	389	184	573	3,885
July	375	187	562	4,089
August	378	200	578	4,008
September	399	176	575	4,081
October	415	204	619	4,353
November	435	203	638	4,334
December	427	214	641	4,283
		2,363		49,114

Outcome of cases ceasing to be nursed :

MONTH	<i>Convalescent</i>	<i>Hospital</i>	<i>Died</i>	<i>Removed from books for other causes</i>
January	110	29	42	24
February	128	26	34	17
March	128	23	36	12
April	141	36	29	18
May	100	26	31	16
June	127	30	18	23
July	118	25	23	18
August	108	23	23	25
September	107	24	14	15
October	116	30	20	18
November	119	36	31	25
December	138	30	40	15
	1,440	338	341	226

Types of cases nursed

<i>Disease</i>	<i>No. of cases</i>	<i>No. of visits</i>
Tuberculosis	75	2,871
Respiratory infections (other than T.B.)	173	2,198
Diseases of the Heart	705	5,888
Carcinoma	155	4,454
Accidents in the home	58	1,331
Gynaecological	89	1,359
Maternal Complications	32	341
Post-Operative dressings	180	2,285
X-Ray Preparations	140	280
Giving of injections only	732	13,858
School children	53	296
Children under 5 years	74	539
Patients over 65 years	1,288	25,466
Patients who had over 24 visits paid ..	506	24,958

Nursing Equipment

1,500 articles of nursing equipment have been issued to Patients in their own homes.

In the majority of cases the loan was made to ease the work of the Home Nurse in her routine nursing care of the patient.

No charge was made for the loan of articles, all having been provided by the voluntary committee of the Stockport Sick Poor Nursing Association.

The equipment available for use include :

Bed-pans, Bed-rests, Bed cradles, Bed blocks, Bed tables, Dunlopillo Mattresses, Dunlopillo Rings, Air rings, Douche apparatus, Crutches, Commodes, Cotton Draw Sheets, Hot water bottles, Feeding cups, Raising apparatus, Rubber sheets, Tan-sad Invalid chairs, Sand bags, Splints, Steam kettles, Spinal carriage, Walking aids.

Blankets, sheets, night-dresses, pyjamas, and extra nourishment have also been given to elderly and Tuberculosis patients, by the voluntary committee.

(D) HOME HELP SERVICE

On the 31st December, 1955, the staff of the Home Help Service consisted of—one Organiser—seven full-time Home Helps and forty-four part-time Home Helps. The following table gives an analysis of the type of work which has been undertaken by this Service during the year.

1955	<i>Maternity</i>	<i>Chronic and Old Age</i>	<i>Tuberculosis</i>	<i>Others</i>	<i>Total</i>
January	9	131	3	1	144
February	3	16	—	2	21
March	5	15	—	2	22
April	4	15	—	2	21
May	6	16	—	4	26
June	5	13	—	3	21
July	5	13	—	4	22
August	4	15	—	5	24
September	5	14	—	3	22
October	8	18	—	2	28
November	3	12	—	3	18
December	5	13	—	3	21
	62	291	3	34	390

There is no doubt that the demand which has been made on this Service during the year indicates that there is need for expansion, and from the details in the statistical table it will be seen that there is a growing demand on this Service, particularly in connection with the care of the elderly. The following financial summary gives a complete account of the cost of the Service and indicates that there is a fairly high degree of financial recovery in relation to the maternity cases.

Details of Service

1955

Free Service

201

*Charge of 1/-**per ½ day*

51

*Type of Case**Amount Recovered*

£ s. d.

Maternity	..	..	..	..	..	414	2	11
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Domestic	..	..	..	..	..	655	7	11
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..	£1,069	10	10
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The cost of this Service to the individual is dictated by a scale which is laid down by the Association of Municipal Corporations. In very many instances because of the poor financial circumstances of many people who request this service, the service must be given free but in some instances, in order to satisfy the recipients a token fee of one shilling is accepted.

There is no doubt from the information which reaches the Department through the general medical practitioners and health visitors, that this Service, even although at present excellent in quality, will have to be strengthened numerically in order that it may be able to face the demands on it in the coming years.

The expansion of the Service will probably entail the employment of more part-time workers, and recently more people have come forward to offer their services for this type of work. This increase in the number of staff, both full-time and part-time, together with the number of additional cases which will be taken on, no doubt will be an additional strain on the administrative machinery in connection with this Service and it may well be that this position will have to be kept under constant review throughout the imminent future.

(E) DAY NURSERIES

The total attendances of children at the Daw Bank and Whitehill Nurseries for 1955 are given below, together with the comparative figure for 1954.

				1955	1954
Daw Bank Nursery	..	..	..	7,341	6,543
Whitehill Nursery	..	..	..	9,178	10,217

REPORT OF ATTENDANCES FROM JANUARY TO DECEMBER, 1955

	<i>Daw Bank Children</i>	<i>Whitehill Children</i>
	<i>6 months—2 years</i>	<i>6 months—2 years</i>
Approved Accommodation ..	35	52
Total Attendances during the year	7,341	9,178
Average Daily Attendances for period	30.09	37.46
Maximum Daily Attendance ..	40	47
	(9/7/55)	(4/5/55)
Days Open	244	245

The amount of fees collected as a result of the attendances at Daw Bank and Whitehill Nurseries during 1955 are as follows :—

Daw Bank :—£927 : 10 : 0

Whitehill :—£1,150 : 0 : 0

SECTION VII.

Mental Health Services

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Mental Health Services**(a) Introduction**

Steady progress has been made in all sections of the Mental Health Service. The firm foundation, which was laid at the inception of the Service, has been used to extend and develop the work.

In the mental health field there has been difficulty in obtaining admission of female patients to mental hospitals. The greatest problem has been that of providing accommodation for border-line senile demented. Many of these cases being unsuitable for Part III Accommodation, even if a vacancy could have been found for them. Other cases of this nature, suffering from physical illness, have been admitted to Chronic Sick Wards or requests made for priority on the waiting list. Cases not suitable under either of these categories have been referred to the Health Department for visits by the Health Visitor, Domestic Help Service, or Home Nursing Service.

The attendance of a Consultant Psychiatrist at St. Thomas' and Stepping Hill Hospitals has proved to be of great value to the Service and patients alike. This is of particular benefit to patients who, having previously received a course of electro-convulsive therapy, make application for a further course of treatment. The Consultant Psychiatrist is contacted and arrangements usually made for the patient to attend the next clinic at St. Thomas' Hospital, Stockport. Full advantage has been taken of this service and an increasing number of cases has been dealt with as out-patients at both clinics. In the event of the Stockport Clinics being booked up application is made to Rose Mount Clinic, Macclesfield—to whom appreciation must be expressed for their friendly and helpful co-operation—for an appointment. These Clinics are working to full capacity. Domiciliary consultations by the Consultant Psychiatrist are given in the more urgent cases and these are invaluable in early diagnosis and treatment. The inter-change of information between the Consultant Psychiatrist and Duly Authorised Officers takes place as occasion arises.

In the mental deficiency field the main difficulty has been that of finding accommodation in institutions for mental defectives. The Manchester Regional Hospitals Board has been helpful and co-operative in assisting this Authority whenever it has been within their power. The policy of Short Term Stay has helped, in a number of cases, to alleviate the difficulties of parents with children awaiting institutional care and those under statutory supervision.

A close and friendly liaison exists between this Service and :

(a) **Corporation Departments**—information and advice is freely interchanged with all departments. This covers angles regarding Welfare, Housing, Health, Education, Police, etc.

(b) **Local Hospitals**—full co-operation exists between the three hospitals in the town. Cases, after investigation, found to be suffering from physical illness are usually admitted to Chronic Sick Wards. Other cases, with symptoms doubtful in character from a purely mental illness angle, are admitted for observation. This has been of great value in the early diagnosis of serious physical disorders and obviating the detention of such cases in a mental hospital. Nursing staff is provided in the removal of patients from hospitals. There is a free, but confidential, inter-change of patients' records, X-Ray films, etc.

During the year under review, an increasing demand for beds for cases of mental illness has been made on the Medical Superintendent, Parkside Hospital, Macclesfield—in control of the Bed Bureau for this County Borough—and appreciation must be expressed here for the consideration and co-operation afforded this Service.

(c) **Medical Practitioners**—full use is made of the Mental Health Services in the County Borough. There is a rapidly growing tendency for local Medical Practitioners to contact this Service in the early stage of a patient's mental illness. This, in conjunction with domiciliary visits by the Consultant Psychiatrist, visits to Clinics, and Out-patient treatment, enables many patients to be restored to health without hospitalisation. Co-operation with the Medical Practitioners is one of the strongest links in the chain of preventive work in the mental health field.

(d) **Government Departments and Voluntary Organisations**—Contacts of a reciprocal nature are maintained with these Departments and Organisations. In particular with Government Departments regarding problems of employment, re-habilitation, national assistance, probation, etc. Contact is made with the appropriate Organisation in problems connected with moral welfare, marriage guidance, N.S.P.C.C., R.S.P.C.A., etc.

(e) **Public**—an increasing number of the general public come of their own volition seeking advice, information, and help, in mental health and mental deficiency problems. This appears to be an indication of the awareness amongst the public of the advantages of taking early advice and treatment. The most pleasing point of this, however, is the apparent lessening of the fear and stigma of mental illness.

(f) **County and Borough Magistrates**—a friendly and useful relationship has been built up between the Magistrates and the Service. A note of appreciation must be expressed here for their keenness and willingness to give their services at all times whenever the same has been requested.

The domiciliary service includes :

The ascertainment of cases of mental illhealth and mental deficiency.

The initial proceedings for obtaining detention and reception orders and transferring persons of unsound mind to establishments under the Regional Hospital Board and arranging interviews at Psychiatric Clinics.

The statutory supervision, provision of after-care, etc., of mental defectives living in the community.

The provision of occupational treatment for mental defectives.

(b) **Administration**

(i) The Medical Officer under the direction of the Health Committee is responsible for the control of this Service. Meetings are held each month.

(ii) Administrative Officer—Medical Officer of Health (Part-time).

Medical Officer—(i) Medical Officer from nearest Mental Hospital under the Regional Hospital Board (Part-time); (ii) Senior Assistant School Medical Officer (Part-time).

In addition to the above, two Medical Officers of the Local Health Authority and three Medical Officers of the Regional Hospital Board are approved under Sections 3 and 5 of the Mental Deficiency Act, 1913, for the purpose of giving Medical Certificates.

Three Duly Authorised Officers—1 male and 2 females—are employed by the Local Health Authority. These Officers also act in the capacity of Mental Health Workers and Visitors.

(iii) Co-ordination is maintained with Regional Hospital Boards and Hospital Management Committees—the Local Health Authority provided the following reports :

- (a) Home conditions of patients who fall due each quarter for reconsideration by the Statutory Visitors under Section II.
- (b) Home conditions in respect of applications for Holiday or Trial leave.
- (c) Progress and Supervision Reports on patients who are absent from Institutions on Trial leave—usually at monthly intervals during the first three months and subsequently quarterly.

(iv) The Local Health Authority undertakes the pre-care work of cases reported and the after-care work of cases notified by the various mental institutions and hospitals. Regular supervisory visits being conducted. Full social histories of cases are compiled at the request of Medical Superintendents, and these are proving of great value in the treatment of such cases.

(v) The Local Health Authority undertakes all duties—none being delegated to Voluntary Associations.

(vi) One of the Duly Authorised Officers has attended a course at Calderstones Hospital on the various aspects of Mental Deficiency. Another Officer has attended a Short Term Course for Mental Health Workers at Holly Royde Residential College, Manchester.

(c) Account of Work Undertaken in the Community Mental Treatment

Number of patients in Mental Hospitals on the 31st December, 1955 371

Details of Cases investigated and action taken by the Duly Authorised Officers during the year ended 31st December, 1955—

(i) Patients admitted to Mental Hospitals :—	M.	F.	Total
Section 16 (Certified)	12	13	25
Section 20 (and subsequently certified)	1	2	3
Section 21 (and subsequently certified)	2	3	5
Section 21 (and subsequently became temporary patient)	1	—	1
Voluntary patients (including patients admitted under Section 20 (12 males—3 females), Section 21 (15 males—14 females) who were accepted as Voluntary patients at the expiration of the Order)	51	28	79
Criminal Justice Act, 1948—Section 4	1	1	2
Discharge following period of observation	9	6	15
Died during period of observation	2	1	3
Remaining under observation on 31st December, 1955	2	2	4
	81	56	137

(ii) Patients admitted to Hospital Sick Wards ..	38
Patients referred direct to Psychiatric Clinics ..	30
Patients referred for Home Consultation	10
Patients referred to other Departments of the Local Authority	6
Patients referred to own Doctors	24
Patients referred to other Authorities	3
Cases investigated but no action deemed necessary or held in abeyance	56
	304
Attendances, escorting patients to Psychiatric Clinics for examination	3
Attendances, escorting patients to and from Psychiatric Clinics, out-patient treatment ..	57
Pre-care and Supervisory Visits	646
After-care visitation has been carried out in respect of cases discharged from Mental Hospitals, where the patient has consented to such procedure and the number of visits made in respect of these cases was	135

A full 24-hour service is maintained by the Mental Health Service. A rota is issued weekly to General Hospitals in the town, Parkside Bed Bureau, Consultant Psychiatrist, Chief Constable, and Ambulance Service, informing them of the Duly Authorised Officer on duty after office hours.

Medical Practitioners have been informed of this service and asked to contact the Police Department for the name of the Duly Authorised Officer on duty.

Mental Deficiency

Statistics at the 31st December, 1955 :

(a) Cases in Hospital (including 2 on Licence) ..	150
(During the year 5 patients were admitted, 2 discharged, and 3 died).	
(b) Cases awaiting admission—all of whom have reasonably good home conditions	11
(c) Cases under statutory supervision	127
(d) Ascertained defectives notified and found “ subject to be dealt with ”	12
Disposal : Hospital	4
Statutory Supervision	8
Voluntary Supervision	—
(e) Cases reported during the year and found “ not at present subject to be dealt with ”	32
Disposal : Voluntary Supervision	30
Action unnecessary	2
(f) Cases reported in which action was incomplete ..	2

Work in the Community

At the 31st December, 1955, the total number of cases referred for voluntary supervision was 66. These are referred by Medical Practitioners, Parents, Local Education Authority, and Prison Medical Officers.

General

When a new case is notified the Duly Authorised Officer compiles a case history. This is the basis for deciding the degree of urgency for institutional care, or attendance at the Prospect House Occupation Centre, when vacancies occur. Close liason exists with the Local Education Authority in regard to child defectives. Visits are made to the homes of defectives, and advice given to parents.

Visits made during the year 468

In addition, many parents were seen at the Mental Offices, Shaw Heath.

Supervisory action for licensed cases has continued. This supervision extends to those working in the area belonging to other authorities. The progress reports compiled and forwarded to the respective Medical Superintendents are of assistance to the appointed Visitors in determining whether the licensed case may be discharged from Order.

Supervision of two females under Guardianship, resident in the County Borough, was carried out at the request of another authority.

Supervisory visits to short-licensed cases, requested by Medical Superintendents, are made, and during the period there have been 115 visits.

(d) Prospect House Occupation Centre

This Centre, which was opened on the 6th March 1951, continues to carry out a very useful work. The intake of new pupils is somewhat restricted as all ages are catered for.

Accommodation

The approved accommodation is 36. At the 31st December, 1955, 27 males and 14 females were on the Register, the average attendance for the year being 34.58. In addition, 18 males and 19 females, all notified cases, were awaiting a trial in the Centre.

There are approximately 39 unnotified cases known to the Department through attendance at Welfare Centres, and visits to the homes by Health Visitors. These cases will be notified as the children are nearing school age.

Meals and Transport

The School Meals Service continues to provide for each pupil a hot mid-day meal, at which the pupils are instructed in table manners. The meals continue to be adequate and of a high nutritional value, and free milk continues to be supplied to all pupils attending the Centre. The children, transported by Corporation bus both to and from the Centre from selected points en route are away from their homes from about 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Mondays to Fridays, inclusive, thus allowing the parents a little relaxation which they would not have otherwise.

Medical Supervision

During the year each pupil attending the Centre receives a physical examination, which is carried out by the staff at the School Clinic.

Curriculum

This is framed on simple and elementary lines, the general direction being towards the achievement of clean habits, good manners, physical development, and a knowledge of simple manual occupations.

General Activities

The Annual Christmas Party was a very successful function ; the Mayor, Mayoress and Members of the Health Committee, together with parents, enjoyed a concert which is now an annual feature at the Centre. Several organisations and individuals provided gifts for the children and these, with the grant from the Committee, enabled each child to receive a suitable present. Articles which were made by the children were displayed.

The staff and pupils were invited to a Christmas Party by the children from " Longfield " Open-Air School and also, at the kind invitation of the manager attended a matinee performance of a Pantomime at a local Theatre, both of which were very much appreciated.

Students

The National Association for Mental Health continues to utilise the Centre for practical training for students who are studying for their examination.

Inspection

The annual inspection of the Centre took place on the 30th November, 1955, and the Board of Control Inspector was deeply impressed by all that she saw on her visit.

New Occupation Centre

This Centre is now making good progress, and it is confidently expected that the opening will take place in the late Autumn, reference has been made previously to the urgent need for a second Occupation Centre and the provision of the Centre will be of inestimable value.

(e) Ambulance Service

Ambulances from the Central Ambulance Station are available for the removal of patients as and when required.

SECTION VIII.

Prevention of Illness
Care and After-Care

SECTION VIII

Prevention of Illness—Care and After-Care**(a) Health Education**

The Local Health Authority has continued its endeavour to keep the public informed on health matters, and of the preventive measures against disease, with particular emphasis on Vaccination and Immunisation. Posters with a topical interest have been displayed on the Empire Marketing Board Frames situated in different parts of the Borough.

Copies of "Better Health," the official journal of the Central Council for Health Education, have again been distributed to the public through the medium of the Health Department and Welfare Centres. A booklet entitled "Advice to Mothers and Fathers" has also been made available at the Welfare Centres and the Centres have again been utilised for the display of posters and distribution of leaflets on a variety of topics. Similar publicity has been on display to members of the public visiting the Health Department.

The Exhibition Stand, on loan from the Central Council for Health Education, has been on show at all the Welfare Centres, displaying interesting topics on health matters. The topics are interchangeable and are on loan for approximately three months.

Health Visitors have again assisted in the important field of Health Education by giving lectures on Mothercraft and Hygiene to senior girls at school. Prizes have been provided by the Local Health Authority for essays submitted in this connection. The Health Visitors have also advised mothers both at the clinics and when visiting their homes.

Talks have been given to selected audiences by the Medical Staff on various subjects, and the Chief Sanitary Inspector has given talks on Food Handling.

The Welfare Centres have been placed at the disposal of the Stockport Voluntary Committee for the conduct of Mothercraft Classes.

The Health Committee has agreed to co-operate with the Manchester Committee on Cancer in extending its present scheme of cancer education. The scheme aims to reduce the number of needless deaths from cancer by reducing the considerable delay on the part of patients before seeking a doctor's advice when certain warning signs occur. Expert speakers will be available free at any time to any club or society that cares to ask.

(b) Tuberculosis

The Ministry of Health has approved the Stockport scheme for B.C.G. Vaccination of 13 year old children and this commenced on the 15th January, 1955, for those children attaining this age during the year.

The following table gives in detail the response to the scheme :

No. of Schools.	No. of 13-year-old children.	No. of acceptances		
	<i>Total No. of Children</i>	<i>Girls</i>	<i>Boys</i>	<i>Total</i>
22	1,794	486	511	997

Arrangements were put into operation for the carrying out of the recommendations of the Joint Tuberculosis Council for the protection of organised groups of children from the risk of infection by adults suffering from tuberculosis.

Facilities have been available since 1954 for the skin testing of children attending at Infant Welfare Centres.

All candidates for employment involving close contact with infants and children have had X-ray examinations of the chest before appointment.

No person with respiratory tuberculosis is considered for such employment unless and until the disease is certified as arrested, i.e., has been quiescent for two years, with negative sputum in this period.

The Chest Physicians have continued to give B.C.G. Vaccination for the protection of negative re-actors in groups of persons exposed to risk of immediate contact. During the year 130 persons were vaccinated with B.C.G. at the Chest Clinic. B.C.G. Vaccination is also made available for all babies born in St. Mary's Hospital, Manchester, and 22 babies were vaccinated there during 1955.

The Medical Research Council are still keeping under medical observation, the children who took part in the trial scheme in connection with B.C.G. vaccine. The facilities of the Welfare Centres have again been made available for the follow-up examinations, and School Nurses have assisted in the completion of follow-up enquiry forms. No further children were vaccinated under this scheme during 1955.

Consideration has also been given during the year to the re-housing of tuberculous families and new housing accommodation has been provided for 23 families.

Health Visitors undertake visits to the homes of tuberculosis cases on receipt of notification, and they are also responsible for visiting cases of tuberculosis on discharge from sanatoria. Visits are undertaken at three-monthly intervals in the case of pulmonary tuberculosis, six-monthly intervals in cases of tuberculosis of bones and joints, and yearly in cases of tuberculosis of the skin. Additional visits are paid in exceptional cases. The Health Visitor also visits homes for the purpose of following-up persons who have been notified after death.

During the year under review, Health Visitors made 210 first visits and 1,832 visits in respect of after-care.

The following table gives the incidence of tuberculosis during recent years, together with particulars of contacts :

	<i>Notifications</i>		<i>Contacts</i>		<i>Number of Contacts Tubercular</i>	<i>Deaths</i>	
	<i>Pul- monary</i>	<i>Non- Pulmonary</i>	<i>Examined</i>	<i>Not Examined</i>		<i>Pul.</i>	<i>Non- Pul.</i>
1952	83	13	185	120	5	35	8
1953	98	7	206	97	13	22	4
1954	90	9	405	45	6	12	4
1955	129	14	412	27	10	18	1

No organised visit of the Mass Miniature Radiography Unit was possible during this year, but Miniature X-ray was carried out in particular groups as required during the year.

During the year arrangements were made for colony care at Barrowmore Hall and Wrenbury Hall and the following table gives details of the cases dealt with during the year :

<i>Patient</i>	<i>From</i>	<i>To</i>	<i>No of days.</i>
	<i>Wrenbury Hall</i>		
1	1-1-55	31-12-55	365*
2	1-1-55	4-6-55	154
3	1-1-55	21-5-55	140
4	1-1-55	25-6-55	175
5	3-1-55	31-12-55	363*
6	16-5-55	8-10-55	145
7	24-4-55	7-5-55	12
8	6-6-55	31-12-55	209*
9	4-7-55	9-7-55	5
10	1-8-55	31-12-55	152*
11	18-7-55	15-11-55	120
12	29-8-55	31-12-55	125*
13	17-10-55	31-12-55	75*
14	17-10-55	31-12-55	75*
15	14-11-55	31-12-55	48*
	<i>Barrowmore Hall</i>		
16	1-1-55	16-7-55	199

* Remaining in Colony at 31-12-55

I am indebted to Dr. E. R. Smith, M.D., D.P.H., Consultant Chest Physican, for the following table :

Return Relating to Stockport Cases at Chest Clinic, 1955

Number of cases on Clinic Register	..	..	..	..	1,008
Number of attendances at the Clinic	..	..	..	..	8,793
Number of specimens of sputum examined :					
Negative	..	..	..	..	1,484
Positive	..	..	..	..	55
					———— 1,549
New cases diagnosed during the year :					
				<i>Adults</i>	<i>Children</i>
				<i>M. F.</i>	<i>M. F.</i>
Pulmonary	..	..	..	..	56 52 8 1
Non-Pulmonary	..	..	..	..	— — — —
Number of Contacts examined during the year	..	..	..	..	412
Number of Contacts found to be tubercular	..	..	..	..	10
Number of Contacts not submitting to examination	..	..	..	..	27
Number Mantoux tested :					
Mantoux Negative	..	..	..	..	488
Mantoux Positive	..	..	..	..	549
Number of Children vaccinated with B.C.G.	..	..	..	..	130
Home Visits during the year	..	..	..	..	136
Number of Persons recommended for N.A. Grants	..	..	..	..	187
Number of Persons recommended for rehousing	..	..	..	..	43
Number of Persons found employment	..	..	..	..	78
Number of refills performed at Stepping Hill Hospital	..	..	..	..	4,764

(C) VENEREAL DISEASES

Return relating to Stockport Cases treated at Great Egerton Street, during the year 1955.

	<i>Syphilis</i>		<i>Gonorrhoea</i>		<i>Conditions other than Venereal</i>		<i>Totals 1955</i>		
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	<i>Total</i>
Persons under treatment or observation on 1st January, 1955.....	54	75	6	2	24	12	84	89	173
Old Cases returned.....	1	2	1	—	—	—	2	2	4
New Cases :—									
Syphilis primary.....	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
„ secondary.....	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
„ latent first year.....	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
„ cardio-vascular.....	1	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	1
„ nervous system.....	3	1	—	—	—	—	3	1	4
„ other latent stages...	3	6	—	—	—	—	3	6	9
„ Congenital.....	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Gonorrhoea.....	—	—	24	6	—	—	24	6	30
Non-Venereal Cases.....	—	—	—	—	165	63	165	63	228
Conditions Undiagnosed at 31/12/55.....	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Cases transferred from other areas.....	1	1	2	—	4	—	7	1	8
Totals.....	63	85	33	8	199	75	289	168	457
Cases discharged after cure....	6	9	18	6	162	60	186	75	261
Defaulters :—									
(a) Syphilis.....	2	2	—	—	—	—	2	2	4
(b) Gonorrhoea before 3 months.....	—	—	6	1	—	—	6	1	7
(c) Gonorrhoea after 3 months.....	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Number of cases under observation which died :—									
From the Disease.....	1	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	1
From other causes.....	4	3	—	—	—	—	4	3	7
Cases ceasing attendance before completing treatment :—									
Syphilis less than 1 year.....	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
„ more than 1 year....	4	5	—	—	—	—	4	5	9
„ Congenital under 1 year.....	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
„ Congenital over 1 year.....	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Gonorrhoea.....	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	1	1
Cases transferred to other centres.....	2	4	3	—	1	—	6	4	10
Cases remaining under treatment on 31/12/55.....	48	75	6	1	30	12	84	88	172
Totals.....	67	98	33	9	193	72	293	179	472
Number of attendances for medical treatment.....	148	747	120	24	615	162	883	993	181
Number of attendances for intermediate treatment.....	333	342	12	4	63	42	408	388	796

During the year 85 visits were made to a total of 54 patients. These visits included visits to alleged sources of infection as well as to patients who had defaulted from treatment or post treatment observation. As a result the attendance of 31 patients was secured.

R. S. MORTON, M B.E., M.R.C.P., (ED), *Physician in Charge*,

(d) Mental Illness or Defectiveness

The Duly Authorised Officers undertake the domiciliary visiting of mental defectives where necessary and follow-up of cases discharged from mental hospitals.

The Local Health Authority provides an Occupation Centre for Mental Defectives at 70, Derby Road, Heaton Moor. A detailed report of the activities of this Centre is to be found on pages 82 and 83.

Details of the domiciliary work carried out by the Mental Health Service are given on page 80, 81 and 82.

(e) Other Types of Illness

Cases notified by Hospital Authorities as being in need of after-care on discharge from hospital have in the main been attended by the Staff of the Home Nursing Service. The Health Visitors and the Domestic Help Service have also given assistance in such cases. To ensure the closest liason between the family doctors and the Local Health Authority, contact was made with each doctor by the Superintendent Health Visitor during the year.

Informal conversations were held at which the Health Visitor for the district was present. The result of this co-operation has been of great benefit to many patients.

A considerable amount of time has again been devoted to old people in need of care and attention, both by the Home Nursing Service and the Domestic Help Service, and in particular to cases where old people have been found to be living in unsatisfactory conditions and who are unable or unwilling to obtain hospital treatment.

(f) Provision of Nursing Equipment and Apparatus.

An adequate supply of nursing equipment and apparatus is available at the Nurses' Home, Greek Street. The Voluntary Committee of the Stockport Sick Poor Nursing Association has provided supplies of bed linen, mattresses, bed rests, bed pans, hot water bottles, etc, to meet the needs of persons being nursed in their own homes. This Association has also maintained two Mobile Physiotherapy Units, which have operated from the Nurses' Home. Our thanks are due to the Voluntary Committee for their valuable assistance in this work.

(g) Convalescent Treatment

During the year these facilities have continued to be utilised by both adults and children. The numbers show an increase in those for last year. A number of Homes are available, applicants or parents (where children require convalescence) are enabled to apply for a reduction in the standard

charge if financial assistance is required. An assessment is then made in accordance with the Association of Municipal Corporations' recommended scales, and the allowances noted in the National Assistance Act, 1948, and its Amendments, are used.

Recommendations for convalescent treatment are usually made by Medical Practitioners and School Medical Officers.

SUMMARY, 1955

CHILDREN

Ormerod Home, St. Annes-on-Sea	..	..	..	..	2
Craig Convalescent Home for Children, Morecambe	..	..	..	..	25
Rochdale Children's Convalescent Home, St. Annes-on-Sea	..	..	..	..	5
Total	..	..	..	..	32

The normal period for convalescence is two to four weeks. It is customary for a trained nurse to accompany children.

SUMMARY, 1955

ADULTS

West Hill Convalescent Home, Southport	..	..	..	..	36
Boarbank Hall, Grange-over-Sands	..	..	..	..	1
Binswood Red Cross Home, Didsbury, Manchester	..	..	..	..	1
Grey Court Home, Hest Bank, near Morecambe	..	..	..	..	2
Total	..	..	..	..	40

The usual period of convalescence is two weeks for adults.

Strict control is maintained to prevent applicants abusing the scheme and having an annual holiday at the public expense.

It is a requirement of the Department that the assessment fee should be paid before final arrangements for an applicant's admission to a Convalescent Home are completed.

SECTION IX.

Ambulance Services

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Ambulance Services**(a) General**

The Ambulance Service has been fully extended and the year shows an increase in the number of patients carried and mileage run. The Radio Communication System established early in 1954 between vehicles and the depot has proved of great value, and it is doubtful whether the service could have been maintained in its present form without it. This installation has resulted in a considerable saving of mileage.

Measures have continued to be taken to reduce any abuse of the service by those who could travel by ordinary transport, and contact has been made with Hospitals to prevent overloading of the service by such patients.

Arrangements continue to be made for long distance cases to be conveyed by train to relieve pressure on the Ambulance Service.

Facilities are available at the Ambulance Depot for the training of Civil Defence Volunteers and this training is undertaken by members of the Ambulance Service.

Of the 27 Driver/Attendants 6 hold the St. John Ambulance and Home Nursing Certificate, and 23 hold the St. John Ambulance Certificate only.

(b) Vehicles

The number of journeys undertaken in connection with the transportation of midwives to and from cases was 1,538.

The number of disinfections that were carried out during the year was 277.

(c) Garages

A new garage to house one Ambulance was completed during the year.

(d) Details of Work Carried out by the Stockport Ambulance Service during 1955.**GENERAL CASES**

	1955	1954
Stockport Residents to/from Stockport	12,576	12,282
Stockport Residents to/from Manchester and District	2,417	2,064
Stockport Residents to/from Outside Districts ..	705	690
Cheshire County Residents to/from Stockport ..	1,593	1,710
Cheshire County Residents to/from Manchester and District	241	149
Cheshire County Residents to/from Cheshire Districts	27	35
Cheshire County Residents to/from Outside Districts	87	107

ACCIDENT CASES

In Stockport Area	1,206	1,147
Cheshire County Area	195	162

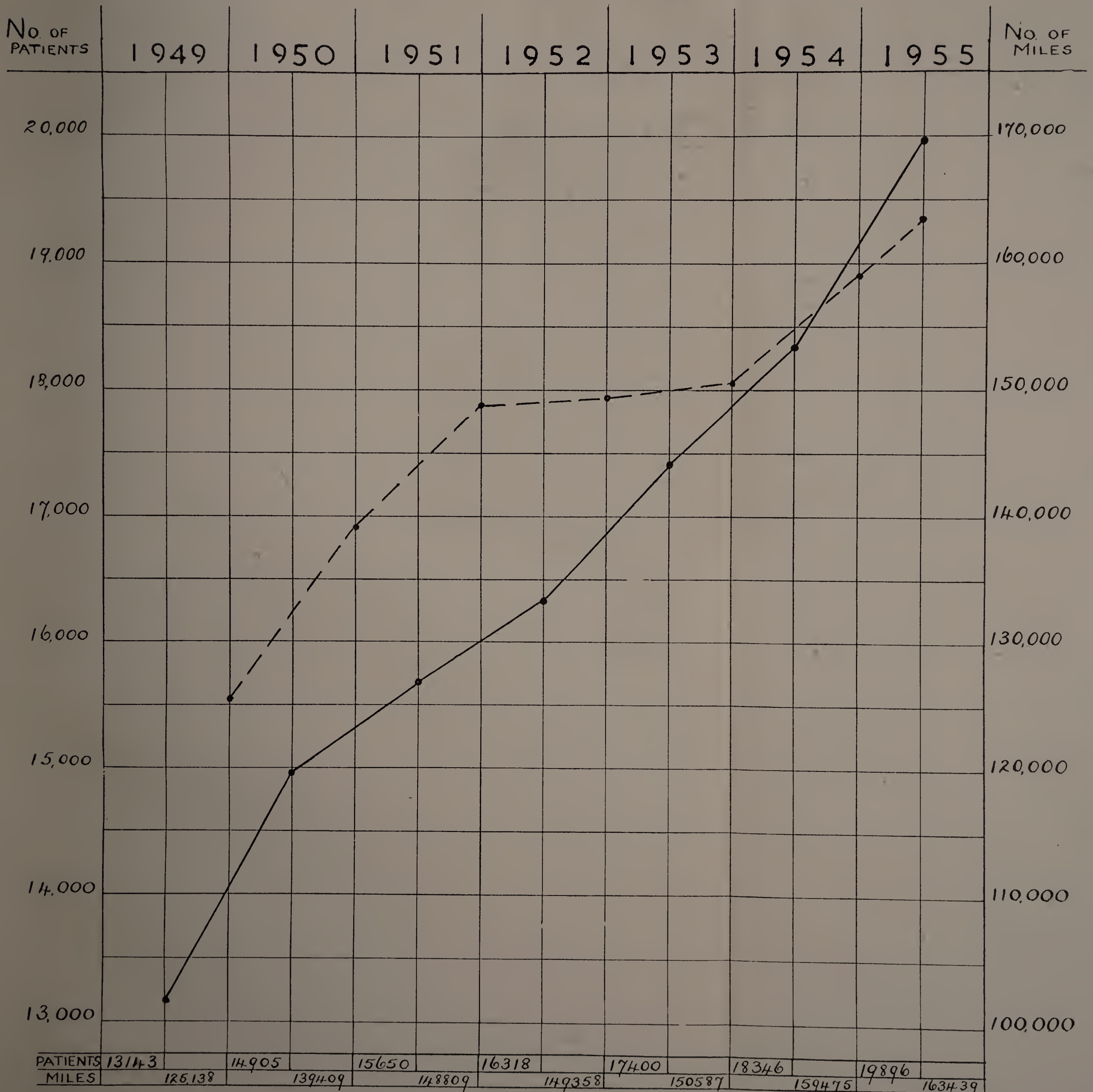
COMMUNICABLE DISEASES

	1955	1954
Stockport Residents to Stockport	761	
Stockport Residents to outside Sanatoria ..	9	
Cheshire Residents to Stockport	76	
Cheshire Residents to outside Sanatoria ..	3	
	849	
Totals	19,896	18,346

The total mileage run by all ambulances during the year was 163,439—of these, 26,934 miles were chargeable to the Cheshire County Council.

AMBULANCE SERVICE

Patients Carried and Mileage Covered



SECTION X

Co-ordinating Committee
for Neglected Children

SECTION X

Co-ordinating Committee for Neglected Children

This Committee was formed on the 7th February, 1951, as the result of a recommendation contained in the joint Circular of the Ministries of Health and Education, and the Home Office. The Medical Officer was appointed by the Council as the Designated Officer, i.e., responsible for co-operation between local Statutory and voluntary services.

The composition of the Committee is as follows :

Medical Officer of Health	Director of Education
Welfare Officer	Chief Constable
The Children's Officer	Chief Sanitary Inspector
The Housing Manager	Superintendent Health Visitor
Probation Officer	

and representatives of the under-mentioned organisations :

National Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children	Ministry of Pensions
National Assistance Board	Council of Social Services
Women's Voluntary Services	Marriage Guidance Council
Children's House	Shrewsbury Diocesan Children's Rescue Society
Family Service Unit	

A classification index is used for determining the urgency of the problem in these families ;

A—Constant Supervision

B—Intermediate „

C—Supervision from time to time

An analysis of cases under supervision at the year end, compared with December, 1954 is shown :

	31st December, 1955	31st December, 1954
A Cases	25	24
B Cases	11	21
C Cases	7	4
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	43	49
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The Co-ordinating Committee meet each month and the combined knowledge and efforts of the members constituting this Committee have been of great value in determining the best approach to be made with the families coming under review.

Attention is focused mainly on the children of these families, and every effort is made to ensure that their meals and clothing are adequate and that they are receiving proper care. In addition to the duties performed by statutory officers, reference must again be made to the outstanding work of the local Inspector of the National Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children and to the Women's Voluntary Service, and to the Police Clothing Fund, all of whom have assisted with the provision of household necessities and clothing.

During the year three new cases were reported. It is pleasing to note that nine cases were taken off the records during the year, eight of whom were considered sufficiently rehabilitated not to require further supervision, the other case removing from the County Borough area.

Reference has been made previously to the difficult nature of the problem, and that improvements came slowly, but it would appear from the figures quoted for the year under review, that the supervision and co-ordination effected during that, and previous years is now beginning to show results. It is hoped that the Case Worker from the Family Service Unit who commenced preliminary operations in the County Borough area in December, will still further help in rehabilitating these families.

The Housing Committee has been of great assistance in re-housing several families during the year where the need was great and the families deserving of consideration.

It would appear that there will still be families who show little improvement after much has been done for them, but despite these discouraging features of the problem, there is always the possibility that repeated efforts will effect rehabilitation, and it is in this spirit that the Co-ordinating Committee continues in its work.

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